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Minden Hills: Is a Tax Increase for 2010 in the Works?

When the Minden Hills Council met on Thursday, May 28th a small tidbit of information was released that may have been a surprise to several members of Council and could very well raise the antenna of residents. Taxpayers in the Municipality may be facing a 3 percent tax hike next year, and that will be over and above the average 10 percent increase most residents will also face as a result of MPAC's changes in assessment.

During Council's review and approval of minutes at the beginning of the meeting, Councillor Barbara Reid questioned the notation included in the April 30th draft minutes that indicated there may be a three percent increase to the budget the following year. Reid said, "This is news to me and I'm wondering why it is in the minutes."

Councillor Peter Oyler, responsible for the newly formed Finance Committee, advised Reid that the matter had been raised on April 30th during discussions about whether Council should proceed with OMAFRA's (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Affairs) Main Street Program to assist with an economic development strategy for the community.

Oyler told Reid, "You'll have to take this up with our CAO," adding that when the 2009 tax increase had been discussed just prior to its passing, CAO Gerry Morrison had indicated the possibility of a three percent increase for next year." Oyler reiterated that the possibility of a tax increase for 2010 had been made very clear during their budget deliberations.

Reeve Jim McMahon appeared somewhat taken aback and commented that he found it very hard to see how a prediction could be made for the following year

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Duchene Signs... For Dawson!

A good friend bending.

A pal reaching out.

Matthew Duchene is a very busy young man these days.

There's a lot on his plate. (See an accompanying story in this week's Voice.)

He'll be drafted in June by a National Hockey league team. He'll go top three.

On Tuesday he was a top prospect guest of Don Cherry on Hockey Night in Canada in Pittsburgh.

Last Saturday, though, Matthew Duchene, the Haliburton Hurricane, took some time to remember a young friend, Dawson Hamilton.

Dawson Hamilton is a battler, a cancer survivor and a kid who packs a wallop.

It's been said that, "we never stand so tall as when we stoop to help a child."

Last weekend Matthew Duchene bent with pen to help a friend.

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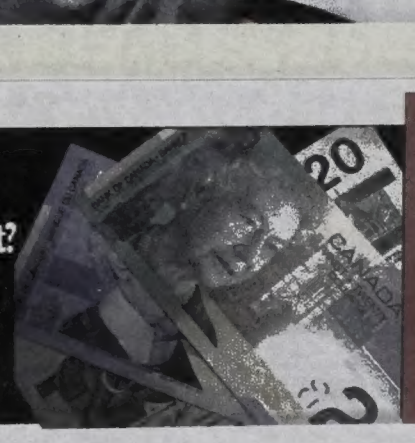

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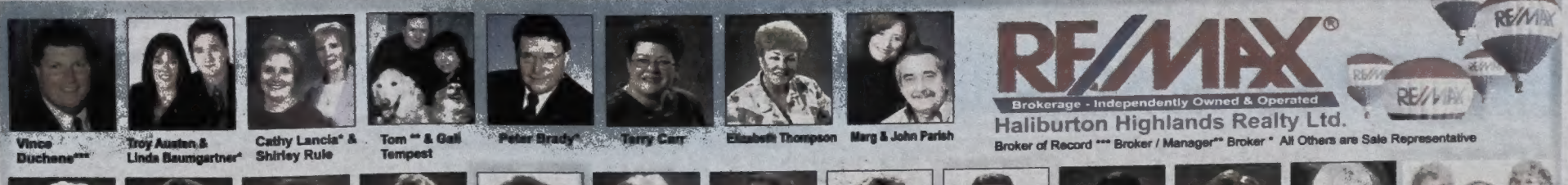

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Matt Duchene Donates Sweater in Support of Dawson's Dream

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

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He signed one of his battle-tested Brampton Battalion game jerseys. The jersey, a memento of the Battalion's best season ever, will go up on the Battalion website and will be auctioned to the highest bidder shortly after the NHL 2009 entry draft picks are announced on June 26th in Montreal.

Proceeds will go to the Dawson's Dream Fund set up by the good people of Minden and the Highlands.

"The Dawson's Dream fund has been set up to raise money to help the Hamilton's build a small bungalow to help support Dawson with his current and future needs resulting from his four years of intense Cancer Treatments," says the Dream's spokesperson, Jenn Whiteway.

Auction for prized game -worn jersey on the Brampton Battalion website

Matt Duchene is about 5'11. Dawson Hamilton is all of 5 feet.

Matty Duchene has been blessed with wheels, strength, talent, and drive. It's popped him to the top of the class in his chosen field. He's a gifted hockey player. He has the gold medals to prove it.

Minden resident Dawson Hamilton is only nine, but he's packed an awful lot of living into that short shred of time.

Dawson was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia when he was five, and a year later he faced another diagnosis of acute lymphonic leukemia.

For the last four years, Dawson has been tied almost umbilically to the oncology ward of Sick Kids in Toronto. He's had extensive radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Hard stuff.

Treatments that destroy almost every living cell in the body.

Everything except a brave young boy's innate and intrinsic will to live.

To run with friends. To prosper. To thump a biscuit of hard black rubber into waiting twine.

To play, perchance to dream; of hockey glory.

That's an awful lot of living.

That's an awful lot of heart.

Hockey is Dawson's favorite sport.

And while he may not possess the needed skill set to pursue an NHL dream, he doesn't let that stop him.

Wise to remember then that, "They also serve who only stand and cheer."

He's got a vibrant vicarious attachment to the game. He's been to the Brampton Battalion dressing room on many occasions, and counts their two stellar stars, Duchene and Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson, among his many hockey friends.

He's got other friends as well.

Hockey guys. Tie Domi, Doug Gilmour, Wendel Clarke and Jason Blake.

Jason Blake a special favorite. Blake has had his own run in with chronic myelogenous leukemia. Jason Blake is, like his buddy Dawson Hamilton, on the mend.

Battling. That's what after all, warriors do. Battle.

Long process, this cancer thing.

Long and hard.

Especially if you're a kid who would rather be skating, shooting, swimming or just playing guitar.

Dawson returned back home recently, and he's back with schoolmates at Archie Stouffer Elementary.

And this is good stuff. He'll hear about Matthew's donation to his cause this week.

And he'll probably wonder what all the fuss is about.

The kid's got perspective. And moxie. And, hey, he's home!

Matthew Duchene couldn't take part in the bench press or push up portion of the NHL top prospects combine camp held last weekend in Toronto. He's rehabbing a shoulder injury that happened just prior to the junior national team tryout camp back before Christmas.

It's been a long and grueling road to rehab and recovery for young 18-year-old Matt Duchene.

Matt however, would be the first to tell you that his struggle with various injuries in his career is just a drop in the bucket when put against the backdrop of Dawson Hamilton's bedside chart.

And Matt of course would be right.

You talk to Matt on any given day and what impresses you most is the insight; and perspective he brings to a conversation. No diva. Never will be.

Divas do not stoop to help a friend. Or sign a jersey.

Scot Hamilton, Dawson's dad, said that his son would find out about the presentation at some point this week. "We haven't told him about it yet, because we're just waiting for details," said Scot, who said that Dawson is slowly acclimatizing himself to life at home with his brother Tanner.

And Scot has nothing but kind words for Matthew Duchene. "He's just been excellent with Dawson, and we're thankful for all he's done," said Scot, by phone from Minden last Sunday.

He said that during the playoff with Belleville Bulls, Dawson joined the Battalion players with a blonde dye job, joining the Troop in a hairy, time-honored playoff ritual.

And after Duchene scored his playoff hat trick against Belleville, Brampton's number nine presented Dawson with his game stick.

"He's a lucky little guy, both Cody (Hodgson) and Matt have been very good to Dawson," said Scot.

Dawson also has plans, schemes and designs for the summer.

Scot says that this year for the first time Dawson will be well enough to attend Camp Oochigeas in the Muskokas in July.

Camp Oochigeas offers year-round programs for children affected by childhood cancer. "He couldn't go last summer because he wasn't well enough, but he's looking forward to going this summer," said Scot.

The camp is staffed by oncology doctors and nurses from Sick Kids and has a full clinic on site. Their Mission Statement, a testament to the notion that it takes a community to raise a child.

"At Camp Oochigeas, we give children with cancer the chance to escape to a magical world where sunshine and laughter intertwine, a natural wonderland where friendships and memories replace worries about hospitals and illness. Much more than a summer camp, Camp Oochigeas provides year-round programs for children affected by childhood cancer at our site in Muskoka, at the Hospital for Sick Children and in the community."

This weekend Dawson and the Hamilton family will join the Camp Oochigeas staff and some campers at the Rogers Center for a Blue Jays game.

Nice change that.

A trip to Toronto without a pit stop at Sick Kids.

Oh, and in case you're wondering?

The Camp Ooch website is located at community.ooch.org.

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Cos' that friends, is real good stuff.■

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Minden Hills Tax Increase Cont'd...

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

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when the Municipality was only part way through the year.

Oyler confirmed that both Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Rick Ratcliffe had been present at the meeting and had heard the CAO make comments about a possible increase, as had the Treasurer. Again he said, "I heard our CAO say there would be an increase."

Neither Murdoch nor Ratcliffe commented on the matter, nor was there further discussion about upcoming tax increases during the course of the rest of the meeting. The comments made on May 28th were, however a very clear indication that another hit to the taxpayers pocketbooks may very well be on the way in Minden Hills. ■

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THURSDAY

Mostly sunny and seasonably cool

▲ 15° ▼ 3°

FRIDAY

Mostly sunny and a little milder

▲ 17° ▼ 4°

SATURDAY

Cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers

▲ 14° ▼ 3°

SUNDAY

Cloudy with showers likely

▲ 13° ▼ 2°

MONDAY

Partly sunny and cool

▲ 15° ▼ 4°

TUESDAY

Becoming mostly cloudy

▲ 17° ▼ 5°

WEDNESDAY

Cloudy with showers likely

▲ 18° ▼ 7°

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May 29, 2009

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TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otlk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk	City	Today Hi/Lo/Otlk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk
Acapulco	31/23/ts	31/24/pc	33/27/pc	Montego Bay	31/26/ts	31/25/ts	29/25/cl
Antigua	32/25/pc	32/26/pc	30/25/sh	Nassau	31/24/ts	30/23/pc	29/27/cl
Barbados	32/26/pc	31/26/pc	31/27/sh	Port au Prince	31/25/ts	31/24/ts	31/25/ts
Bermuda	26/22/ts	27/21/pc	28/23/cl	Puerto Vallarta	32/24/pc	33/24/pc	36/23/cl
Cancun	33/23/pc	32/24/pc	31/25/su	St Thomas	32/25/ts	31/26/sh	31/26/pc
Curacao	32/26/pc	32/24/pc	30/24/cl	St. Maarten	31/26/pc	32/26/sh	30/27/sh
Freeport	30/23/ts	31/24/pc	31/26/pc	San Jose, CR	31/21/ts	30/21/ts	29/21/dz
Georgetown	32/26/ts	31/25/ts	31/23/ra	San Juan	31/25/ts	32/26/pc	30/27/ra
Havana	31/25/ts	31/26/ts	30/22/ra	San Salvador	31/23/ts	32/23/ts	32/23/ts
Key West	30/24/ts	31/25/pc	31/26/sh	Santo Domingo	31/24/ts	31/25/ts	31/24/ts
Kingston	32/26/ts	31/26/ts	32/31/sh	Trinidad	32/26/ts	32/27/sh	32/27/su

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otlk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otlk
Bancroft	15/3/su	17/4/su	14/3/sh	13/2/sh	15/4/pc	17/5/cl	18/7/sh
Barrie	16/3/su	18/4/su	15/3/sh	14/2/sh	16/4/pc	17/6/cl	19/8/sh
Dorset	15/2/su	17/3/su	14/3/sh	13/2/sh	15/3/pc	17/5/cl	18/7/sh
Haliburton	15/3/su	17/4/su	14/3/sh	13/2/sh	15/4/pc	17/5/cl	18/7/sh
Huntsville	15/2/su	17/3/su	14/3/sh	13/2/sh	15/3/pc	17/5/cl	18/7/sh
Kingston	16/3/su	18/4/su	16/4/sh	15/3/sh	17/4/pc	18/6/cl	19/8/sh
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Minden	15/3/su	17/4/su	14/3/sh	13/2/sh	15/4/pc	17/5/cl	18/7/sh
Oshawa	16/3/su	19/4/su	16/4/sh	16/3/sh	17/5/pc	18/7/cl	20/9/sh
Ottawa	16/4/su	18/4/su	16/3/pc	14/2/cl	16/3/su	16/6/pc	18/7/sh
Toronto	16/3/su	19/4/su	17/4/sh	16/3/sh	17/5/pc	19/7/cl	21/9/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otlk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otlk
Calgary	19/4/pc	11/4/ra	12/3/sh	11/2/sh	15/4/sh	16/5/cl	17/6/sh
Edmonton	14/2/pc	14/3/cl	13/4/cl	13/3/cl	17/4/dz	18/4/cl	18/5/cl
Fredericton	15/5/pc	18/4/pc	21/9/cl	17/7/cl	17/7/pc	17/6/pc	17/7/sh
Halifax	14/6/pc	14/7/su	15/9/sh	16/12/cl	15/10/su	15/10/pc	16/11/sh
Montreal	16/3/su	18/5/su	16/3/pc	14/3/cl	16/4/su	17/6/pc	18/7/sh
Regina	17/3/pc	13/1/pc	17/2/cl	14/3/sh	16/4/sh	16/5/sh	18/6/cl
St. John's	13/6/sh	11/5/pc	9/6/dz	8/6/ra	8/6/pc	8/6/pc	9/6/pc
Saskatoon	16/2/pc	13/2/pc	16/4/cl	12/7/cl	11/7/sh	14/6/sh	16/6/cl
Vancouver	24/16/su	26/13/pc	21/13/sh	18/12/sh	18/12/sh	18/11/sh	19/12/sh
Whitehorse	26/9/su	25/8/su	21/9/dz	22/8/cl	18/8/sh	20/9/cl	21/10/sh
Winnipeg	11/1/sh	8/-1/cl	14/3/cl	11/2/pc	12/3/sh	16/4/cl	17/6/sh

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Sunday 5/31	16°C	1°C	1.5 mm
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Friday 5/29	17°C	11°C	1.5 mm
Thursday 5/28	NA	NA	NA
Wednesday 5/27	14°C	10°C	14.7 mm
Tuesday 5/26	17°C	4°C	0.0 mm

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Sat.	5:28 a.m./8:58 p.m.	8:31 p.m./4:12 a.m.
Sun.	5:28 a.m./8:59 p.m.	9:27 p.m./4:54 a.m.
Mon.	5:27 a.m./8:59 p.m.	10:14 p.m./5:44 a.m.
Tues.	5:27 a.m./9:00 p.m.	10:53 p.m./6:41 a.m.
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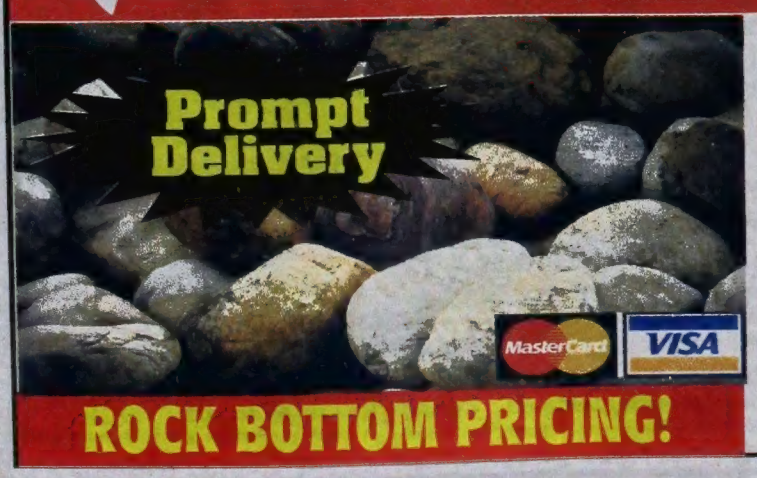

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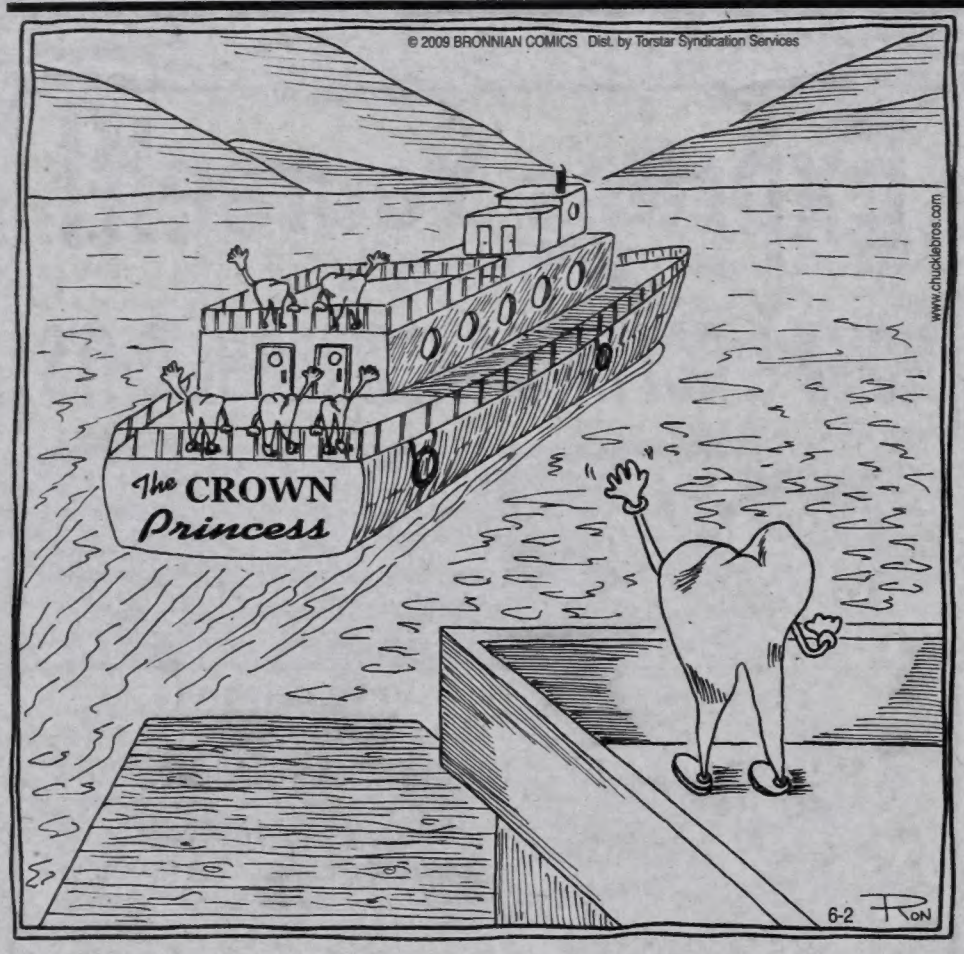


Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"It is so easy to criticize and attack leaders…Perhaps the detractors (of the airport expansion) could take a proactive role in building this county instead of trying to tear it apart."

Re: airport expansion. I have been watching and listening to the various comments over the last few years about the Stanhope airport expansion, and numerous other capital projects in the county. As always, a few detractors seem to give the impression that the majority of the county is against those projects. The truth is that those few on the other side of the equation that desire to move this county ahead and out of the "have not" and poorer classification of the province take all this flak but keep working tirelessly to achieve their vision. Without these visionaries, we would have no new hospitals, schools, museums, libraries, atv trails, parks, snowmobile trails, condominiums and so on.

The supporters of the airport expansion have done their homework and know that a modern airport with all its amenities does nothing but good for the surrounding areas. The reason that few of the users of the airport are vocal in support of the project is that pilots by their very nature are conservative and quiet souls, mostly professionals and business owners. It is a fact that ¾ mile runways attract more traffic and business, but more importantly, the safety factor is increased greatly. The new larger and faster government air ambulances costing millions of dollars each can only provide maximum return on taxpayer dollars when they can safely land here in poorer weather conditions, with the aid of an approach and guidance system.

It seems that all concerns have been addressed by industry experts, including noise, environmental, social and economic. This expansion is no more expensive than straightening out certain cottage roads in the county, for the benefit of the cottagers at the end of these roads. It would seem that the provincial and federal and even those local politicians who have pushed for this project have all done their research and are doing what we, the citizens, pay them for. Their job is to make our country a better place to live. And in doing so, this project opens the doors for the youth of this area to enter the aerospace industry without relocating to a major center. Most residents of this county are probably not aware that there are several aerospace companies already designing and building state of the art aircraft, right here, in this county, and employing people.

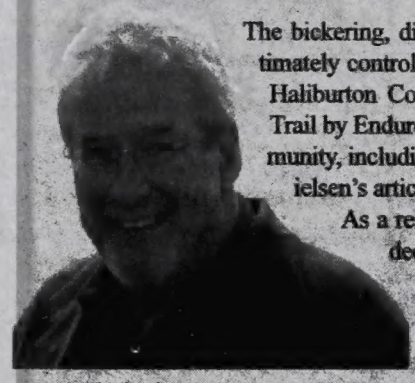
It is so easy to criticize and attack leaders. It takes courage to be a leader. Stanhope Township voted for this council and in so doing, has already endorsed the expansion. Perhaps the detractors could take a proactive role in building this county instead of trying to tear it apart. Air travel is a part of our modern world. It behooves us to embrace it and understand it, and support our leaders. In a democracy, the majority rules, but everyone has the right to their opinion. Most of the opponents have known that the airport has been here for 27 years, and have still lived in close proximity with no objections. I suggest that if the wish of those few is to oppose the airport, perhaps we should consider changing it to a drag strip and race track.

Archie Dobbins ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick

Rail Trails and Old Gentlemen



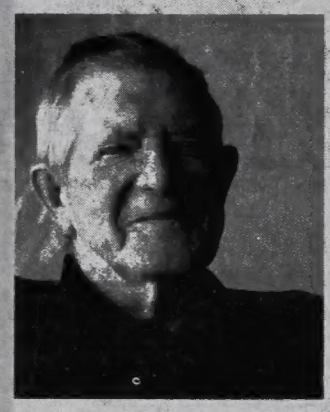
The bickering, dissension, and back-room manoeuvring over who ultimately controls the Rail Trail continues unabated. A few weeks ago Haliburton County Council precipitously approved the use of the Trail by Enduro Bikes, a move that upset many in the Rail Trail community, including even the Haliburton ATV association (see Liz Danielsen's article on page 24).

As a result of many protests, Council has made two sensible decisions: to refer the matter back to the Rail Trail Committee for further study, and to review the structure of the Committee itself. At the moment, pro-vehicle users outnumber non-motorized representatives, which clearly skews many decisions in favour of the snowmobilers and ATVers.

Striking a balance between all these groups is truly a challenge worthy of Solomon. And yet there should be some means by which the trail can be shared, at different times of the year, by different groups. Recently some very powerful arguments have been advanced to limit the Trail to non-motorized use outside of the winter season, where snowmobilers have for years been entrenched. The Trail is an integral part of Haliburton's snowmobile system, and there is little appetite for changing that. In any event, there is no lack of other excellent venues for cross-country skiers, for example, so that conflict has been, in the main, avoided.

The economic argument for establishing a non-motorized trail for summer use is compelling, to say the least. In many venues across North America and in Europe trails are reserved for the exclusive use of non-motorized users, walkers, runners, cyclists and roller bladers, and they are well used, as are the accompanying commercial infrastructure of hotels and restaurants. The Rails to Trails Conservancy in the U.S. has successfully established 1500 rail trails since its inception in 1986: only a very small percentage of them allow motorized vehicles. At the very least, County Council should be listening and considering these alternative approaches to this precious community resource.

RIP Roy Bates



Last week saw the passing of Roy Bates, born in the 1920s in the village of Cheddar in what is now Highlands East. Roy and his wife of 62 years, Jean, lived in Donald throughout their married life.

For decades Roy was the Property Manager at the Chateau Woodland when it was a bustling family resort. He was also a founder and integral part of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and a distinguished volunteer, trainer, (and groomer) well into the 1990s. He was President of the HCSA, as well as the Ontario-wide Association, and was instrumental in persuading his fellow sledders across the province that the sport should be organized and regulated. He was a strong advocate for banning the machines from public roadways and expanding and perfecting a trail system that involved the willing co-operation of private land owners. Roy was honoured as the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce's first Highlander of the Year in 1977.

Roy also wrote a much-read column, Along the Trails, for the local papers, both the Haliburton Echo and the old Minden Progress, where he often put forward his strong points of view on snow machine safety and trail etiquette. This often made him enemies, in the days when some sledders thought that they had a divine right to charge around the countryside at will. But Roy knew they had to co-exist with the community, and with his innate sense of courtesy and respect he was an important force in insuring a civilized relationship. The various factions in the debate over the current use of the Rail Trail could learn much from this Highland Gentleman's soft-spoken advocacy and understanding. ■

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The Highlander Rants

By Terrance Seamus O'Gavan

PETA has it wrong ... the animals are massing

Governor General Michaëlle Jean ... a lotta' heart

There's blood on her lips.
There's blood on the ice.
A Hannibal slurp.
And it's gone in a trice. (Inuit Ode to Governor General Michaëlle Jean)

Our lovely Governor General Michaëlle Jean put Canada on front pages across the world last week when she delved into an "ethical" dish of raw seal heart in Rankin Inlet.

It was touted as a show of solidarity and support for an ancient Inuit rite.

Many more cynical pundits and backbench wailers viewed it as a photo op to gain support for Canada's much maligned sealing industry, which has been taking some heavy handed cranks from the European Union, Bob Barker, and Brigitte Bardot of late.

Of course, Inuit sealing for sustenance, and the hard banging, head-denting annual seal cull are two entirely different entities. Is Michaëlle Jean that slick?

I'm thinking that she's no naïve waif, and she had some idea that her delicate and tasty meal might serve as a superbly crafted photo op for People for the Ethical Treatment of Maritime Seal Bashers.

Whatever. The picture of Michaëlle Jean, hands and lips blurred red with seal's blood created quite a stir.

Buddhists cringed. People for the ethical treatment of animals (PETA for short) barked, mooed, baahed, roared, and whined. Rex Murphy, our loopy goofy Newfie, stuttered, moaned and groaned about the fate of his poor seal thumping Newfie brethren and their god-given right to earn a living.

Four words Rex. "Better schools and Microsoft."

My God, to hear him prune, preen, and pine, you would think that poor old Rex made his living bumping baby seals on the head before leaping from an ice floe in the North Atlantic to the greener less crimson pastures of the CBC mother ship. Rex held a CBC Cross Country Check Up show about "Bloody Queen Jean" on Sunday.

People phoned in and applauded Michaëlle Jean's intestinal fortitude. Rex corrected them. "Ma'am t'anks youse' for calling, but it was da' heart, not the entrails. T'anks fer' da' call. I'se da bay dat builds da boat. Next caller please."

Rex, that adopted son of a Newfie cod-kisser, makes no bones about his own views on everything seal.

"Pussy-walloped, cod-duffers and ham-handed politicians ... is killin' dis' here livliehood, my lovelies. Good on ol' Michaëlle Jean. Chewin' on dat bloody heart, fer' da' good of dem' sealers from Dildo and Come By Chance! Arrrgh!"

Rex knows Newfoundland. He knows, unlike many of those unenlightened politicos and businessmen - who are attempting to drag Newfoundland into the 19th century - that Newfoundland's future rests not with technology, call centers, universities, and offshore oil, but rather with the lovely, free-flow of the annual seal slaughter.

"It was delicious," said Jean.

I'm no Buddhist. But I'm thinking we may have to punch a hole in the paradigm.

The animals are not dumb. And I've read Orwell's Animal Farm.

Just last week an article in the Globe and Mail entitled, "Amateur researchers seek Spot's sixth sense," caught my eye.

It contained the story of Oscar the cat. Oscar was adopted by a Providence R.I. nursing home's Advanced Dementia Unit. Oscar made headlines when it was revealed that he seemed to sense when a patient was about to die.

In more than 25 documented and recent cases, Oscar, normally very aloof, snuggled with an elderly patient, who invariably died within an hour of the cuddle.

Doctors blame it on some extrasensory biochemical reaction. "Oscar just seems to know," said Dr. Hunter Kevorkian, (no relation) a staff doctor at the Providence Institution.

I'm thinking that their cause and effect exemplar might be a little skewed. Does Oscar know? Or does Oscar, nudge, nudge, and wink ... KNOW?

Oscar might be an avid reader. Oscar may have seen Planet of the Apes. He might like to peruse the New York Times on occasion. He might have seen a picture of Michaëlle Jean, fingertips and lips smooshed crimson with the blood of a poor defenseless seal. Oscar might be getting a little tired of this feckless slaughter.

Oscar the Cat. Hospice healer? Or Serial Killer?

I reached 95-year-old Billy Bob Golightly, a Providence Dementia Unit patient, by phone last weekend.

"Oscar tried to snuggle up to me late one night, and I threw him off my bed," said Billy Bob. "I know what that durn' cat's up to. Sixth sense my buttcheek! That cat's the second comin' of Hannibal the Cannibal!"

Billy Bob immediately took affirmative action.

"My nephew brought in my old Remington twelve gauge and my trusty blue heeler hound Baskerville," laughed Golighlty. "Haven't seen that cat in three nights."

Oscar has left the building. Headed for god knows where. A serial killer on the prowl?

A wise whispered word to our crimson-tinged princess Michaëlle Jean.

Alert the staff at Governor General's House on Sussex Drive in Ottawa. Do not, under any circumstances, feed any stray cats.

And Michaëlle. Do look under your four-poster Queen-size bed before closing your eyes for the night.

Oh, and ... meeeeoooowww!■

More letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

"It would be bad enough to lose this significant amount of infrastructure funding, but I need you to ask yourselves how bad it would be to lose the existing airport asset and the services that it currently provides. What impact might all the negative, unsupported and misinformation being put out to senior politicians, ministries, agencies and others have on future funding applications made by this township?" (Reeve Eleanor Harrison)

That's a pretty strong, some might even say threatening, statement from the Reeve of Algonquin Highlands, made at the last council meeting following a delegation in protest of the planned airport expansion in Stanhope. It's the kind of statement that really does call for a response or, more accurately, responses.

Losing this significant amount of infrastructure funding would be bad – if it was meant to fund something necessary and desired. I think that it should be pretty clear by now that the expanded airport is neither; the public has said so, in spades. Infrastructure funding is not some kind of contest in which the winner is the municipality that gets the most.

The first and, until recently the only, party to this "discussion" to mention losing the "existing airport asset" was the Reeve herself; During a Council meeting in 2008 which featured a number of delegations to council on the subject, including one by myself, the Reeve stated that she 'would rather close the airport down than just re-pave the existing runway and apron'. To this day, not a single group or individual has stated publically a position in favour of closure of the airport, but it is certainly worth asking ourselves how bad it would be.

Incredibly rare (in fact, almost non-existent) medical evacuations by fixed-wing air ambulances would cease; very occasional and mainly helicopter supported (with some small airplanes) inspections of Hydro lines would have to be based elsewhere (ditto OPP services); MNR fire suppression operations currently based at the airport would have to move as well – again, the vast majority of these operations are helicopter supported; somewhere between three and six jobs would probably be lost; and...um, well...twenty-some-odd folks who fly for fun would have to find new parking spots for their planes.

The net effect of having services moved to Muskoka would be potential extra delays in delivery of service that would be less than the current average wait for an ambulance in Haliburton County.

I would not want to minimize the effects of a single lost job in our area, that is at least part of the reason that I have never worked to close the airport, but at some point we should also ask ourselves how much the people of Algonquin Highlands should pay for those jobs. (It would be best if the Reeve did not ask how much we should pay for the hobby fliers' amusement.) The amount of money that goes into the airport on an annual basis (TOTAL cost, not just OPERATING cost) would cover nearly half of an additional ambulance – something that is needed and desired.

The Reeve is concerned about the "negative, unsupported and (sic) misinformation..." It is true that what I and others have been placing before the public and various agents and levels of government - all the way to the Prime Minister - is negative. After all, we are opposed to the project, but it is far from unsupported; we supply references, contacts, maps, signed legal opinions....everything, in fact, that would be required for the public and the council to confirm or deny the charge that there is "misinformation". I and others have always been more than ready to correct any information that can be proven incorrect. (the CAO of Algonquin Highlands asked me for a correction / clarification of a point of interpretation on the http://nicelittleairport.shawwebspace.ca/ site and the correction was posted within the hour)

As for the impact that this sort of "misinformation" may have on future funding applications, it is difficult to see why there should be any effect at all; one application or project has nothing to do with another. Still, I would be worried, if I was the Reeve, about the impact of the misleading and incorrect information that is actually contained in the townships' own application. (Please review this on the website noted above)

The Reeve threatens closure of the airport; she threatens the loss of future project funding; she even threatens opponents of the expansion with responsibility for an eventual death if we do not just shut up and lie down. If we do go along with her she threatens people's properties, lifestyles and the environment.

What she never does is respond to a single question or criticism with facts or additional information. After all, as she has stated before, it is not councils' job to debate with the public, and "Democracy is this council elected by all of the voting public to make decisions which they believe represent the best interests of the entire township, not just selective special interest groups."

It is just a bit inconvenient that the special interest group is apparently a majority of the voting public who are convinced, and have made it clear, that their best interests lie elsewhere.

Maybe the Reeve is right: Perhaps we should be thinking about closing the airport. That would certainly be safer for the pilots than continuing the operation of a facility that adds obstacles in restricted flight paths to the risk of wind-shear.

If any of your readers would like further information on these topics please go to my website, http://nicelittleairport.shawwebspace.ca.

Andy Muirhead
Stanhope ■

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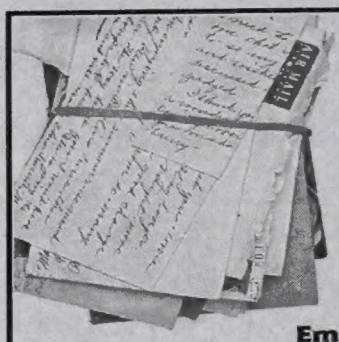

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More letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Thoughts on the airport expansion.

I do feel that we all are very fortunate to enjoy the many blessings we have in this great county.
One of the 'hidden gems' is the Haliburton Stanhope Airport. I feel that we are fortunate to have such a facility in our area.

If you look at a map, the other closest paved airports are North Bay, Muskoka, Lindsay and Peterborough. The closest airports to the east are in the Ottawa Valley! This strategic location makes our airport a viable location for MNR fire control, Medevacs, tourism flights and a safe fueling stop for itinerant flights including hydro crews and MNR wildlife survey flights.

It has a vibrant community of helpers and pilots who run aviation events virtually year round. The upcoming Young Eagles' Weekend on June 6-7 is in our 16th year. Close to 3000 local kids have received flight education topped off with a free airplane ride over the county. Some have gone on to aviation careers.

The expansion of the airport has been in the works for years. It has been no secret that a new runway would improve the airport. I have flown my Cessna all over North America for both business and pleasure. On the return flights, there is the mixed joy of 'getting home' but also the concern wondering if the wind is cooperating that day.

In the Canadian Flight Supplement, a federal government listing of all Canadian airports both big and small it has a 'CAUTION northerly winds may cause windshear during approach/departure runway 27' for our airport. It can be a white knuckle experience flying into Stanhope and there are no alternatives close by.

Also, remember, the airport is already here. With the efforts of a hard working manager, council and reeve, the expansion plans are in place. Their foresight has been complemented with the Canada Builds grants which are available now. The G8/10 Summit adds to the unique placement of our airport.
Just as we have taken advantage of other timely programs to build/expand hospitals, schools, bridges, libraries, highways and other wonderful facilities, it is time to use available funds for our airport. The surrounding distant airports of North Bay, Muskoka, Lindsay and Peterborough have/are all undergoing development.

Aviation has played a huge part of Canadian heritage. The existence of Haliburton Stanhope Airport is an asset. The expansion of our airport adds a much needed element of safety and versatility to the entire county.
It's time.

Barry Hart
Haliburton. ■

Dear Editor:

"Deputy Reeve Mackie should resign"

I have been following the Highlands East building inspector controversy since it began. As outrageous as the issue itself is, the most outrageous thing about it is the actions of our deputy reeve in calling for people to call their lawyers rather than deal with the issue properly. I am not going to comment on the building inspector's actions which have been outlined in numerous articles but I will comment on the building code and Deputy Reeve James Mackie's action.

It is the job of the building inspector to make sure that the code is complied with by builders so that the Township is not put into a liability situation. When building designs are done by an architect or an engineer they are usually rubber stamped because the liability then falls on the architect or engineer: this is what a townships wants. It does NOT want to be sued. By telling people to call their lawyers Mr. Mackie is in fact inviting people to sue the Township rather than doing his job. IF the building inspector is not doing his job it is council's job to get rid of him. It is NOT in the interest of the township to have Mr Mackie INVITING law suits. I hear he is considering a run for Reeve in the next election: resignation would be a better avenue to consider.

Robin Simpson
Tory Hill ■

Dear Editor:

"It was hard to imagine how a team of Township officials could not detect a $375,000 shortfall…"

At the last Minden Hills Council meeting, it came as quite a surprise to hear that, somewhere along the line, consideration has already been given to a 3 percent tax increase for next year. At least that is what is reflected in the minutes of April 30th, 2009 and was part of the Council's discussion during their meeting last Thursday.

It was hard to imagine how a team of Township officials could not detect a $375,000 shortfall from 2008 until early in 2009. To cover that shortfall, a 2.5 percent tax rate increase was imposed as part of the 2009 budget, over and above the revenue gain from a property assessment average increase of 10percent from MPAC. This created a total 12.5 percent tax revenue increase for the municipality in 2009.

However, what is even harder to imagine is that only one third of the way into the 2009 budget year, this same group is already talking about another tax rate increase of 3% for 2010, that combined with an approximate 10% property assessment benefit from MPAC (part of the four year incremental increase) will create a total 13 percent tax increase in 2010 for Minden Hills. That would mean a total 25 percent tax revenue increase for the municipality over 2 years. The question is "What are they doing with all the added revenue?"

So get ready folks – looks like you will be digging even deeper into your pockets for the Township of Minden Hills in 2010. If not that, one would have to ask what other options taxpayers could consider?

Shelley Houser
Minden Hills ■

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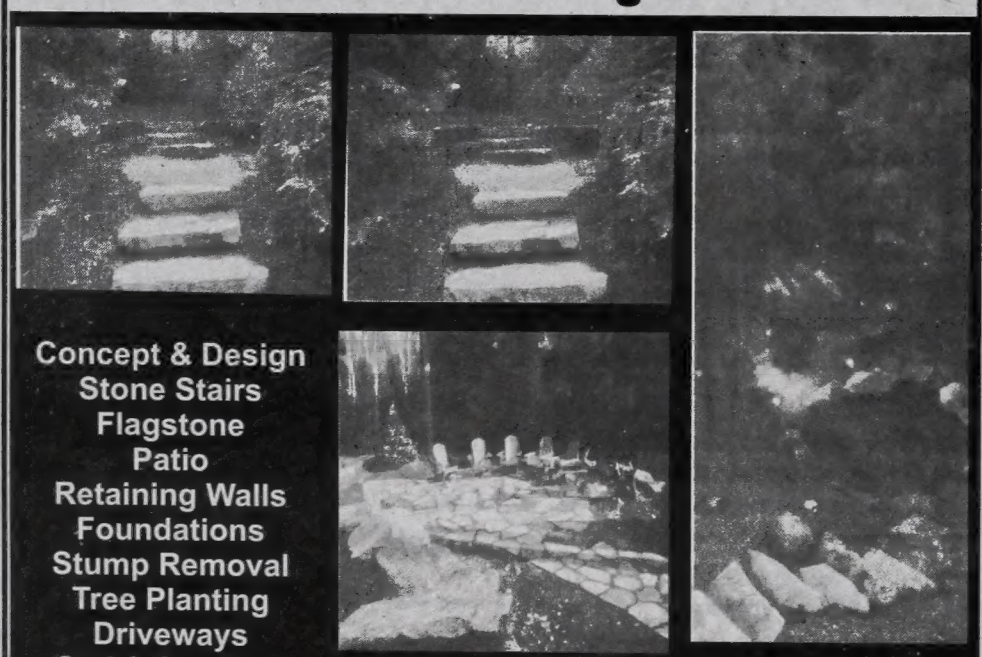

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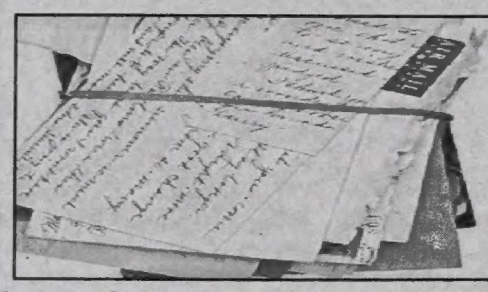

Letters to the Editor are always welcome

Handshake Agreement Reached on South Beaver Lake

"We would like to see people talk things out." (Constable Mark McMaster)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Armed with information from Transport Canada's Boating Safety Officer, the OPP and a little encouragement from the Minden Hills Council, opposing factions on South Beaver Lake have come to the conclusion that, with a bit more dialogue, an agreement can be reached on recreational use of the lake that will be satisfactory to all 31 families involved.

South Beaver Lake is a little lake (1.1 kilometres long with an average 250 metre width) tucked into the southwest corner of the County. It isn't linked to other bodies of water or part of any navigation system and has no public access. For many years traffic on the lake was restricted to canoes, kayaks, pedal boats or boats with small electric motors.

According to cottagers on the lake, its isolation and size make police patrols impractical and increased activity by at least one higher power boat and jet skis over the past several years have raised the ire of a number of residents, who had until that point enjoyed a more tranquil life on the lake.

When efforts to resolve conflict over what was considered by some to be careless practices on the lake became more difficult over time a majority of the cottagers agreed to investigate establishing boating restrictions. Requests for restrictions on lakes must be processed through Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety, in accordance with the Canada Shipping Act's Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations (VORR's) and they need the support of local Municipalities.

David Rayside (left) and Ted Bass come to a firm handshake agreement that both sides can find common ground for use of the lake without requesting restrictions through Transport Canada on the size of motors or speed limits on the lake.

David Rayside, representing the cottagers seeking restrictions has made several presentations to Council over the last few months, with proposals to either have the speed limit reduced to 15 kph and/or restricting the size of motors to 10 horsepower. The Minden Hilis Council has been somewhat reluctant to support these requests without hearing from those on the lake that were not in favour of restrictions or from Transport Canada representatives to clarify the process and areas of responsibility. Notice was given that the matter was under consideration.

Finally, last Thursday, Ted Bass voiced some concerns of his own. Bass provided some additional background history on the lake, along with his own views on the process that led a number of the residents to be at odds with each other. To previous suggestions that some of the 'troublemakers' were new to the lake, Bass said, "These are the kids that have grown up on that lake for the past 50 years, along with their children and grandchildren, and we've been skiing on the lake for years."

To Bass, complaining about skiers on the lake was like buying a house by the airport and then complaining about the noise. He said that there had been no collective dialogue that included all of the cottagers on the lake, but suggested that rather than enforcing restrictions, residents consider restricting the time of day for certain types of activities, to reduce conflict between passive activities and activities like water skiing or tubing which have been part of cottage life for years.

But this isn't a story about conflict, as much as it is a story about coming to terms with problems and finding solutions. Wayne Atkins, Boating Safety Officer for Transport Canada was also in attendance at the meeting to provide clarification on how restrictions are established, as well as Constable Mark McMaster, Marine Coordinator for the Haliburton Highlands OPP to talk about enforcement.

Atkins explained his role to provide advice to applicants and local authorities, to work with applicants and provide technical guidance and to respond to stakeholder's inquiries and complaints. He listed the eight different types of restrictions that can be established on lakes in Canada and the process to have those restrictions put in place. He also spoke about permits that are issued for sporting events or special activities, enforcement of the regulations and even clarified some of the myths about regulations on lakes.

"If if can be dealt with through a Municipal by-law why take the matter to a higher level of government?" Atkins asked. He suggested that restricted hours for special activities could be established in this case, but added that "the best approach is to try to resolve concerns over a handshake, rather than through the law."

Atkins also said that South Beaver Lake and all waters in Ontario fall under a universal shoreline restriction limiting speeds to a maximum of 10 kph within 30 metres of the shore. He added that there will always be concerns on every lake about the mix of swimmers and boaters and suggested using some educational procedures.

"There must be total transparency if the Council decides to go forward with the application and the deadline for the application submission each year is September 15th," he said. Atkins also advised that there was no cost to the municipality for a VORR.

According to Atkins before any restrictions are put in place the applicant (which must be the Municipality) must be armed with the number of incidents over a period of time and specific details. He said, "Being proactive isn't sufficient. I suggest you work together and try to find another way to resolve this."

McMaster then spoke about the difficulty of enforcement on a small lake that didn't have public access. "This is no different than any accident," he said. "We will investigate reported incidents, use independent witnesses and charges can be laid based on third party evidence but there are no guarantees of a conviction."

McMaster also acknowledged that Council also had to take into account the fact that the OPP patrol hundreds of lakes in the County, which from an operational standpoint reduced the odds even further of charges being laid successfully on South Beaver Lake.

Mirroring Atkins' comments, McMaster said, "We would like to see people talk things out. Boating is no different than other recreational sports and 90 percent of the people are usually trying to do the right thing with only one or two bad apples." McMaster also confirmed that during his 19 years in Minden he was unaware of any calls regarding the lake.

Reeve Jim McMahon thanked each of the delegations for their assistance and information and Council took a short break, before being faced with finally having to make a decision on the matter. But to those cottagers in attendance, the writing must have been on the wall.

Members of the press were called outside by Rayside, who advised that he and Bass would like to make a joint statement.

Both Rayside and Bass confirmed that they had discussed the issue outside and were prepared to ask Council to defer the matter. In concert they agreed that things could be worked out locally and they believed they could turn the page on the past. The men also agreed that they were willing to start with a clean slate and explore opportunities to establish an agreement on boating on the lake.

Rayside's request for action by Council was officially deferred and he and Bass, smiling broadly, shook hands on a satisfactory resolution to the concerns of the day. ■

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Is it Counterfeit or is it the Real Thing?

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans

If you were handed 3 bank notes, could you determine which were legitimate, and which were not? This is exactly the dilemma that Chamber of Commerce participants were confronted with on May 27th in Minden during a counterfeit detection workshop presented by The Bank of Canada and the OPP. After considerable inspection, handling and discussion, the decisions were, well, really guesswork. Bank of Canada analyst, Adam Bain, had made his point. We all need to be more aware of how to spot counterfeit bank notes, especially businesses and individuals that handle numerous cash transactions. The bills, in fact, were all "the real thing". Later, having had an opportunity to compare the original bills to counterfeit notes, chamber members were considerably more enlightened about how to spot a phony bill.

The Bank of Canada reported a spike in counterfeiting as home computers and scanners became commonplace. Surprisingly, 95% of counterfeit bills are produced using ink jet printers and photocopy paper. Twenty-dollar bills are the most commonly reproduced notes, as counterfeiters believe that they are unlikely to be checked during a sale. The Bank of Canada has invested significant resources to secure its recent bank notes. Many of these features were discussed, and participants learned how to locate the key security features that determine the real from the fake. While it is not unusual for businesses to refuse fifty and hundred dollar bills, Bain claims that with the new security features built into Canadian notes, there is no reason for any denomination to be refused. With minimal training, and diligence, any phony bill can be identified regardless of its value.

The Bank of Canada is responsible for designing, printing, distributing and destroying Canadian bank notes. Old notes are shredded and buried, they are no longer burned for environmental reasons. In keeping with a hands-on approach, Mr Bain had with him a bag containing 800 shredded notes of mixed denominations. Soon everyone was engrossed in a "guess the value" game. Turns out it was a $24,000 bag of trash.

And yes, the Bank of Canada does print Canadian Tire money!

Anyone interested in learning about security features and counterfeiting can learn more at: http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/banknotes/index.html or write the Bank of Canada for information.

Constable Mark McMaster from the Haliburton Highlands OPP discussed various telephone and e-mail scams that people may be confronted with. Seniors are particularly vulnerable prey to unscrupulous "scammers" whose sole purpose is to part one from his/her money. Constable McMaster reminded the group never to send personal information to anyone by e-mail or over the phone and to be very careful while entering PIN numbers at ATM's and business establishments. If something looks too good to be true, it most likely is! Many of the latest rip-off schemes can be located at the following web sites.

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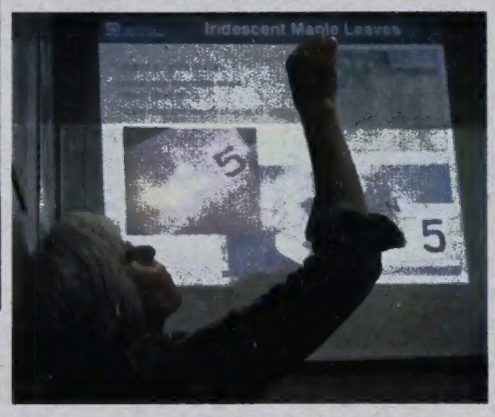

Far left - Bank of Canada analyst, Adam Bain, holds "$24,000 bag of trash" containing 800 shredded Canadian bank notes. Other pictures are chamber members inspecting the bills!!

Brave Robin!

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This robin originally had four chicks under the porch of our house, but a few days after they were born they were unfortunately killed by a squirrel. We hadn't seen the robin for about four days and we were wondering were she had gone. I had to go into my small barn and I found her sitting on her new nest, complete with squirrel proof spikes of a puffer I had brought back from Cuba 25 years ago! ■

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Volunteers Make a Difference in the Lives of Students

Staff Aren't the Only Ones Who Help Keep a School Running Strong

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

"It takes a village to raise a child."

For the communities of Cardiff and Wilberforce that statement pretty much sums up the approach that has been take over the years in these rural towns. The Wilberforce Elementary School and the Cardiff Elementary School aren't just educational facilities – they are also places that provide students with extra-curricular activities, newfound friendships and other opportunities that allow for personal development.

Teachers, support staff and administration are all key players in maintaining a schools' vitality and supporting the student body. But they aren't doing the good work alone.

At each school there are people, who out of the goodness of their hearts and their love of children volunteer their own time to contribute to the educational experience that children receive in their elementary years. Some of these caring individuals have put in over a decade of time to the school, coming in on a weekly basis, while others have just started to get a taste of what its like to donate their time to help students flourish.

Doug Stephen, President of the Wilberforce Curling Club, along with other volunteers, work with students from the Wilberforce Elementary School on their game in a friendly, supportive environment.

Evonne and Charles Hughes have volunteered their time to run the Bible Explorers program at the Wilberforce Elementary School for the past 12 years. In the program students learn about the Bible in a nondenominational manner.

With the current Program and Accommodation and Review process that is underway at both schools, what lies ahead for the future remains to be seen. Should a school closure occur, how will these volunteers continue to support students? Will they inevitably be forced to call it quits?

At Wilberforce Elementary School, Jean Ruddell has dedicated 12 years worth of time to students. Since then the lively 82-year-old has been going to the school for one day of the week (for a four hour period) to help students in grades one to six with their reading skills.

"I work with about 12 kids per day," said Ruddell in an interview with The Voice. "When I first start working with a child I check to see if they understand the story after I've read it with them. It's amazing to see the improvements that the older students have made since I first saw them."

Ruddell said that she has seen students who are shy and timid in the early grades develop into confident go-getters.

"I've seen them blossom like a flower. It's nice to be here to see them grow," she said.

Ruddell, who lives at Maple View apartments on Loop Rd. in Wilberforce, says it will be impossible for her to continue volunteering should the Wilberforce school close.

"If it closes I wouldn't be able to travel another school to continue," she said. "It would break my heart but I'd have to say that it's my time to leave."

Charles Hughes, a former principal of Wilberforce Elementary School for 22 years and current pastor at the Harcourt Community Chapel, runs the Bible Explorers program at the school along with his wife Evonne. The program, which teaches students about the Bible in a nondenominational manner, has been run by the Hughes' for about 12 years. The program includes singing, contest, crafts, prizes and Bible stories.

"We typically work with 15-20 kids at a time on Wednesday's," said Hughes, who was about to teach students about miracles, Exodus and more during a recent session.

Students are able to sign-up to the program after they receive permission from their parent or guardian.

Hughes says that students in the program have reacted favourably to it and some parents have commented that it's "what their kids always look forward to."

If the school closes Hughes says that he won't be able to travel to others areas to deliver the program.

"I've had a couple of parents approach me about going to Cardiff Elementary School, but this is about all that I can handle," he said.

Volunteers in Wilberforce also are a large part of extracurricular activities that are organized in the community for students.

Bill and Kristina Drain of Harcourt have been in charge of running the chess club in Wilberforce, two times per week. Bill has been involved for 10 years while his wife came on-board to help out six years ago.

"We teach the younger grades (1-3) some of the basics and we work more in depth with grades four to six students in order to prepare them for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championships in Haliburton," explained Bill.

The two work with students from January to the end of March each year, and this year they had about 20 students.

Bill and Kristina have lived in Highlands East for the past 12 – 13 years. Over the years they've developed strong ties to the community, especially with the students and staff at their school. The two say that they are in support of fighting to keep the Wilberforce school open.

"All of our kids attended this school," said Kristina. "We've become comfortable in this small community and we've enjoyed working with the kids as volunteers."

Kristina says that her family may need to move elsewhere if the school closes.

"I think it's too far for an eight-year old to go on a bus ride to Cardiff. We have one son who currently attends the high school in Haliburton and another who goes to school in Bancroft. I think that we'd have to move closer to Haliburton," she said.

Just down the street from the Wilberforce Elementary School, Doug Stephen, President of the Wilberforce Curling Club and Ron Roberts are preparing to work with students on their curling game at the Monmouth Curling Arena. Each Wednesday afternoon Stephen and his helpers have been teaching the game of curling to grades five and six students.

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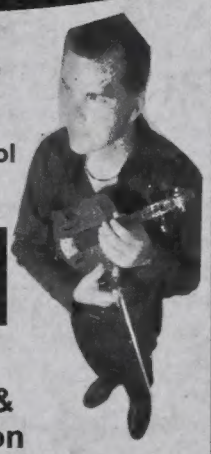

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pal at the time asked us if we could do this and we said, 'sure why not?'" explained Stephen.

Those who get on the ice for first time are given the chance to get a feel for the surface before they are taught how to properly throw a rock. Stephen says that many students who have participated in the program have continued to curl long after graduating from Wilberforce.

"Some of them have gone on to curl with the high school team in Haliburton," he said, adding that some students take it more seriously than others. "For some of them it's just like having another recess, but because of it they understand the game now."

Stephen hopes to see the Wilberforce school remain open because in his eyes it's an asset to the community.

"This school is a real boom to this community...if they (Trillium Lakelands District School Board) close it I feel that families with children might not consider moving here."

Cardiff Elementary School also has its fair share of volunteers, many of whom are involved in similar ways as those at Wilberforce.

Steven Kauffeldt, President of the Cardiff Community Association and parent of two young girls, has been teaching the chess team for three years now.

Kauffeldt says he became a volunteer because of his own kids who attend the school and because he wanted to help enhance the lives of other students.

Cardiff resident Olive Bell spends one hour out of one day of the week to work with Cardiff Elementary School students on their reading skills. The 86-year-old has been doing so for the past 10 years.

When Kauffeldt began this year's program for grades one to eight students, he started working with 20 kids. A select number of those students went on to play in this year's large tournament at the Legion in Haliburton.

Since October, Kauffeldt has worked with students on their game one day of the week for about half-an-hour. But that's not all, says Kauffeldt. Volunteer also donate their time in numerous other ways.

Steven Kauffeldt is a parent and President of the Cardiff Community Association. Kauffeldt teaches Cardiff students the game of chess and he also donates his time to help run the school's snack program with the help of his wife Heather.

"There's a lot to volunteering and any volunteer will tell you that," he explained. "It's the stuff that happens when you're not working with the kids that takes time. For example, sometimes you have to go and help the kids find answers to questions that they have."

In addition to chess, Kauffeldt and his wife Heather help to organize the schools snack program on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. The program provides healthy snacks to 63 students.

"We buy groceries, bring them to the school and prepare the food in the morning," he said.

Kauffeldt calls the Cardiff Elementary School "one big family."

"It's been great. We have a lot of great kids here," he said.

Since the first Program and Accommodation Review input session was held, Kauffeldt hasn't been afraid to express his feeling about the process. He is distraught over the conflict that has been created between the communities and is strongly opposed to the possible closure of the school in Cardiff.

"If they just put one more teacher in Cardiff we'd be in double grades. I firmly believe that triple grades across the board for the past decade is part of the reason that there are some low EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) scores. But those scores shouldn't have a bearing on whether or not a school stays open."

If the Cardiff school closes, Kauffeldt says he is willing to teach students chess in Wilberforce and help in other ways if the demand is there.

"I will still be there to teach chess if they require it. I will still be there to do the snack program if they require it. I will still be there to help my kids read should they require it," he said.

Even if the school closes, Kauffeldt doesn't plan on leaving the Cardiff community. He may, however, consider sending his children to a school elsewhere where they'll receive what he calls "the best education possible."

"Cardiff is my home," he said proudly. "This community will survive – our houses will still be here. We're close to Bancroft and it's a good community. We'll always have value in our homes."

Olive Bell is a volunteer who has been working with kindergarten students on their reading skills. The 86-year-old retiree has been helping out at the Cardiff school for the past 10 years.

"The school asked for volunteers from the community," said Bell, who reads to the students for one-hour on one day of the week.

Bell has found her role as a volunteer to be very rewarding. She says she enjoys working with the students and believes that they look forward to the time they spend with her.

"I enjoy working with the children and on some days they are very enthusiastic to read," she said.

Bell has closely followed the Program and Accommodation Review process since it first started. She believes that the Cardiff school should stay open because it's "ahead of the Wilberforce school".

"I think that this is a beautiful school. It's going to disrupt a lot of people if they close it," she said, adding that she would likely have to step-down as a volunteer in the case of a school closure.

Elaine Fournier, Principal of both schools for the past five years, says that the work of volunteers greatly benefits the student population.

"They are crucial," said Fournier. "They help in so many ways. It's not only the work that they do with the students that is important, but it's also everything they do behind the scenes that has an impact on the schools."

Fournier says that she realizes many parents are busy during the day at work; therefore, it can be a challenge to dedicate time towards volunteering.

"Work for most people is the number one barrier to volunteering." she explained. "That's why it's so greatly appreciated when parents go out of their way to make arrangements to help out."

Those who choose to volunteer are quickly embraced by the entire school community and some find inspiration in the help they provide, says Fournier.

"They become a part of the school and in some circumstances they go on to pursue further studies, or they consider other career options."

There are several other volunteers than just the ones mentioned in this article. Some others help out with overnight trips, school events and in numerous other ways.

All that volunteers and others in the community can do now is continue to submit their input to the PARC up until June 30 online at www.tldsb.on.ca. The PARC will meet again on September 30 in Haliburton for an organizational meeting, at which time they will prepare the final recommendation for the board of trustees.■

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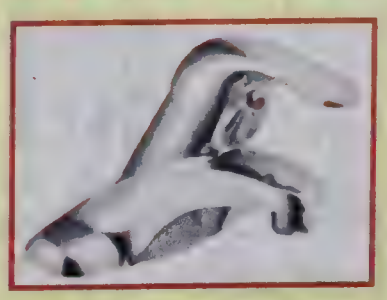

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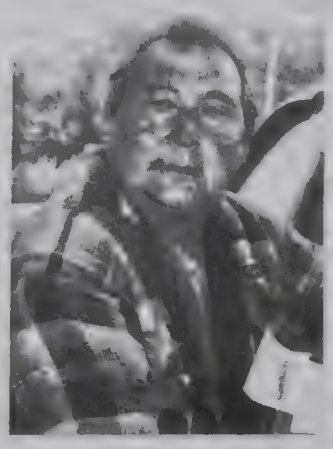
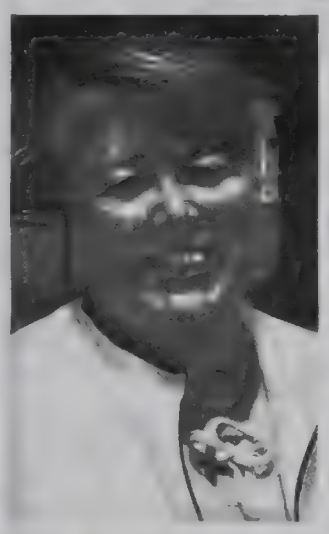
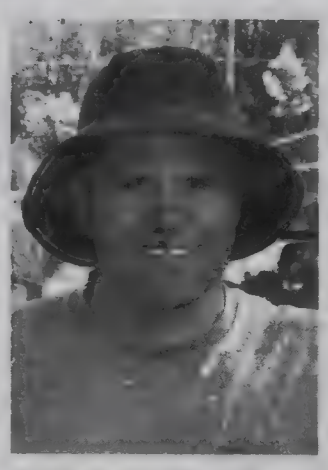


Bob Long, Haliburton – "I've heard about it. I think it would be a good thing, especially for locals and some of the tourists. I've never been on the Rail Trail and I don't ride bikes because I'm a senior citizen!"

Bruce Martin, Kennisis Lake – "I've heard a bit about it. If it would attract visitors to the town to spend their money it could be good, but on the other hand, safety is an important thing. It would be best if the trail could be used by both non-motorized and motorized users. I have never been on the Rail Trail."



Darla Searle, West Guilford – "I think that the more people you can appeal to the better. I think that there need to be more opportunities for young people to get out in this beautiful countryside. I think that if they could come up with a sharing plan that would be best. Maybe it would be a good idea if they could designate certain dates and times for motorized users only and do the same for non-motorized users. I don't think that any one group should have exclusive use of the trail. I'm a snowmobiler and my husband is big into ATV-ing."



Mike Armstrong, Haliburton – "I'm against motorized use of the Rail Trail. I'd like to see it put to use for non-motorized purposes. I don't think that motorized users and non-motorized users can co-exist together on the trail. My parents are a prime example of people who like to cycle but find it hard to locate suitable places in the county to do so. The Rail Trail is a great place to resolve that issue. I run and bike on the trail from time to time."

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A Test Ban Test

The timing of North Korea's detonation of a small nuclear bomb in the northeast of that country on May 24 could actually help curb the spread of nuclear weapons. Despite most other nuclear-capable nations voluntarily honoring a moratorium in the testing of their respective nuclear arsenals for more than 15 years, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty has not yet come into force. The United States' main concern in ratifying the treaty has been that countries could cheat by claiming small covert weapons tests were actually earthquakes. But seismic signals from the explosion of North Korea's relatively small nuclear bomb were clearly identified within minutes as being from a nuclear test, and not from an earthquake, by 39 monitoring stations around the world. President Obama has said he wants the U.S. Senate to ratify the treaty ahead of a crucial international arms control meeting next year.

Sumatran Smoke

Smoke from more than a hundred illicit fires burning to clear forest or fields on Sumatra brought a pall of smoke that forced officials to close schools and advise people to remain indoors. Health officials say that upper-respiratory ailments increased sharply in Riau province and other parts of Sumatra as the annual plague of forest and plantation fires pumped huge clouds of smoke into the atmosphere. Indonesia banned the practice of open-field burning in 1999 after the widespread fires of 1997 and 1998 brought a choking haze that caused a public health crisis across some Southeast Asian nations. Wildlife advocates say that the ban has not been effective in curbing the illegal burns.

Greenhouse Respite

A slump in U.S. energy consumption last year due to high prices and a faltering economy created the largest annual decline in the amount of greenhouse gas carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions since the last major recession in 1982. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) released initial estimates for 2008 that point to a 2.8 percent decline in the amount of CO_2 emissions compared to the previous year. The 1982 recession under the Reagan administration was responsible for a 5.3 percent drop in emissions.

Cyclone Aila

A strong Bay of Bengal cyclone killed nearly 200 people as it roared ashore near the India-Bangladesh border. Tidal surges from Cyclone Aila also left half a million people marooned by floodwaters or living in emergency shelters. Several rivers burst their banks inside the Sundarbans Tiger Reserve, which is the world's largest mangrove forest and home to one the world's largest wild tiger populations. Wildlife officials feared saltwater intrusion into their habitat could cause some of the animals to die of thirst.

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Whaling Resumes

Iceland launched another summer of whaling in defiance of international pressure for it to stop slaughtering the marine mammals. The country is one of only two worldwide that still conducts commercial whaling. Japan claims its whale hunts are for research purposes. The Icelandic whaling ship *Johanna* left port on Tuesday, and is expected to kill the first whales of the season just offshore and away from areas where whale-watching businesses conduct tours. "The first batch of meat will be in stores by the weekend," said Gunnar Bergmann Jonsson, manager of the minke whaler association. In February, the country said it would catch up to 150 fin whales and up to 150 minke whales per year, despite outrage from other countries and environmental groups.

Terminal Insomnia

A three-year investigation finally found out why about 400 goats grazing on Taiwan's wind-swept Penghu archipelago have died in recent years — terminal insomnia. Council of Agriculture inspectors say the constant whirling of large wind turbines on the islands kept the animals from sleeping. A farmer said he began noticing his livestock were dying for no apparent reason after eight turbines were installed on the archipelago, which is located just southwest of Taiwan's main island of Formosa. "If noise at night can keep people awake, then it could also keep the goats awake," said council spokesman Lu Ming-tseng. Taipower may be ordered to help farmers with moving costs.

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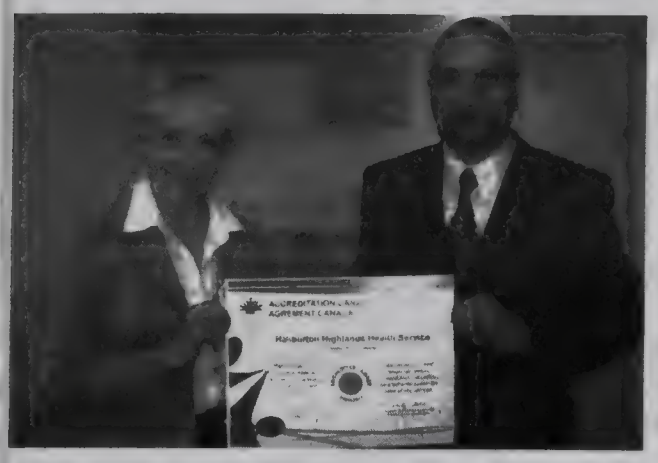


HHHS Chair Marg Risk and CEO/President Paul Rosebush

Haliburton Highland Hospital Services (HHHS) President and CEO Paul Rosebush was delighted to inform his Board of Directors at last weeks monthly Board meeting that the organization has successfully achieved an almost perfect grade from Accreditation Canada after an arduous and detailed professional evaluation. "We achieved a very high 95 percent rating of all criteria, which is a great tribute to all our staff, health professionals, and management," said Rosebush. "This means will meet or exceed a very demanding national standard of excellence."

Accreditation Canada is a not-for-profit, independent organization accredited by the International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQua), and says it, "provides national and international health care organizations with an external peer review process to assess and improve the services they provide to their patients and clients based on standards of excellence. Accreditation Canada's programs and guidance have helped organizations promote quality health care for over 50 years." The Board formally thanked Rosebush and his staff for their excellent work.

Rosebush also mentioned that the Haliburton and Minden hospitals had recently boasted a zero rate for hospital-based infections, which is another remarkable statistic. He also reported that the H1N1 Swine Flu alert level had been reduced, and added that the recent concern had been a good opportunity for the HHHS to test their pandemic planning protocols.

Finance Committee Chair Warren Arseneau reported that the HHHS' auditors had delivered a very detailed and positive report, asserted that the organization is in "good financial health", and that the management staff had done an "exemplary job of coping with expenses. Cash reserves are adequate, and the overall financial performance is very strong." Arseneau congratulated the staff and management for an excellent job of financial management in these very challenging times.

Past Chair Jeanne Anthon, chair of the Nominating Committee, informed the Board that her committee had interviewed an "excellent group" of director candidates and that she would be presenting the new slate at the Annual General Meeting, to be held at Sir Sandford Fleming on June 25th.

Joan Stinson, representing the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, reported that their geranium fundraiser was successfully completed, with a 20 percent increase in sales over last year, and that the annual Taste of Italy fundraiser, to be held in the fall, was selling out rapidly, with 117 tickets sold out of 200 available.

The Haliburton Health Services Foundation Executive Director, Dale Walker, was pleased to report to the Board that the Foundation had received a bequest of $40,500, which will assist substantially with the ceiling lift initiative. Ms. Walker also reported that the spring newsletter generated $9,700, which represents a $2000 increase over the previous year.

When asked after the meeting about the status of the HHHS' appeal to the Central East Local Health Integration Network (CE LHIN) regarding the LHIN's recommendation that Haliburton's obstetrics program be ended, Rosebush said there had been no decision as yet. "They have about 70 submissions to go through, many generated here in Haliburton, so it's bound to take some time. In the meantime, the obstetrics program here has been put on hold for the time being." As he spoke, Dr. Norm Bottum, the HHHS' obstetrics head, was delivering a healthy, happy baby just down the hall – which might have been the last non-emergency hospital delivery in the County.

In the meantime Rebecca Weeks-Toth, R.M., is continuing to deliver local babies through Midwifery Services of Haliburton – Bancroft. In fact, as of yesterday, June 3rd, she'd delivered three in the last week, one in Orillia, one in Haliburton, and one in Bancroft. "I hope the LHIN makes the right decision and continues to allow obstetric births in Haliburton. Dr. Bottum and I have been working together for two years and it would be a shame to see that association end. But no matter what decision is made, my Midwifery service is definitely here to stay." ■

Rails End Gallery Snack Car Gets Trial Approval

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

This week the Dysart et al Council reviewed a proposal by Councillor Janis Parker to position and operate a snack car in Head Lake Park at a midway point between the Gallery and the Caboose. While concerns were raised about the snack car competing with local merchants, Council authorized a trial period for the Treasures n'Trash event being held on June 13th and for Art in the Park, to be held in July.

Many local residents may have seen this unique little car during the Frost Fest. It's called the 'Rails End Snack Car' and looks exactly like a small rail car painted to match the Rails End Gallery. The car is 8 feet wide by 12 feet long and is fully equipped with a refrigerator, freezer, microwave and beverage making equipment.

Parker, who is on the Board of Directors of the Rails End Gallery and is the Gallery's Municipal Rep, has been holding discussions with Gallery Executive Director Laurie Jones and other board members about the feasibility of manning and operating the car, but Council's support was required before discussions went further.

During the Council meeting on Monday, Parker said, "The idea is to use the snack car for Treasures n' Trash and Art in the Park." She added that it would make sense to leave the car in place for the summer and remove its wheels. According to Parker, with the wheels removed the car would not be considered a 'refreshment vehicle' and would meet the requirements of existing municipal by-laws.

Parker, who is donating the car, also said that it could be made available to other groups who are renting space in the park and provide a fund raising mechanism for events throughout the summer.

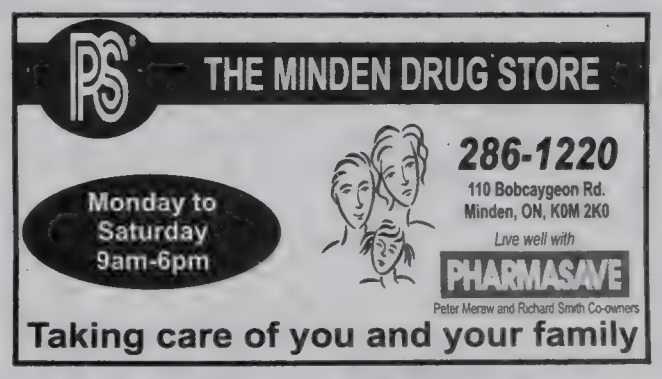
Deputy Reeve Bill Davis commented that while his initial concerns about the car were diminished, he still had trouble with the request to consider it's opening on an ad hoc basis on warm sunny afternoons for the sale of cold drinks and ice cream bars. Davis did not want the car's use to take business away from the downtown core. He said, "If it's an event that the Rails End Gallery is sponsoring, that would be OK."

Parker said she had been thinking about hot sunny days when there are children's events in the park, but added that her primary goal was to try the snack car out during Treasures n'Trash, see how it works, allow Council an opportunity to have a look at it and go from there. As an aside, she commented that it was normal practice to offer refreshments during special events and receptions.

In efforts of transparency, Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that the car be posted with the times it would be open and the reasons so people can see exactly what is being considered.

Councillor Derek Knowles said, "I think you'll find that it will be open more than we think and it may become competitive," and Fearrey mirrored those concerns.

After a bit more discussion, Fearrey finally said, "Let's try one event at a time and see how we do," and Council authorized the snack car's use for both the Treasures n'Trash and Art in the Park and approving the car remaining in place until both events had been held. ■



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Daddy Warbucks Gets a Shave

Annie the musical extravaganza is girding for lights, camera, action

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

"I've grown a beard for a part, but I have never had my head shaved, so this is a first," laughed Brian Kipping, just seconds before a group of seven Depression-era orphan girls danced a Delilah on his head.

"We need an extension cord," were the last words Kipping heard before succumbing to a Sampson shearing with electric clippers.

The barbershop denouement was gleefully managed by seven giggling girls from the paint-peeled New York City Orphanage, run by the evil and creepy Miss Hannigan.

Billed as a "Clipping for Kipping" the impromptu haircut, which happened last Sunday at the Summer Festival's rehearsal digs on Mallard Road in Haliburton, served as a prequel to Kipping's appearance as Daddy Warbucks in the Highlands Summer Festival Production of Annie, set to begin a string of 10 performances beginning on June 29th.

Kipping, who is playing the benevolent billionaire Oliver Warbucks in the stage adaptation of the Harold Gray comic strip Little Orphan Annie – with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin – was all charm, grace and ham as he sat patiently while seven delighted girls removed every hair from his head.

The seven orphan girls, Michelle Bailey (Annie), Hannah Klose, Emma Paul, Kathleen Tedford, Annie McBrien and Betty and Charlotte Paton all took turns with the clippers and were, judging from the gales of smiles and laughter, all delighted with their handiwork.

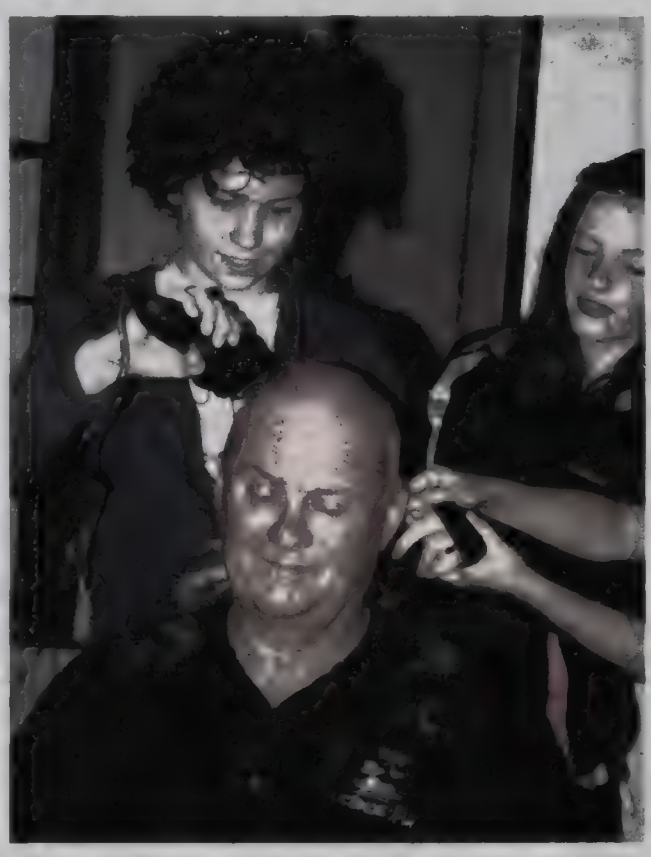
Several of the girls took a little convincing, but as soon as they had the clippers in hand they warmed to the task with the gusto of an Edward Scissorhands on a Red Bull binge.

"I'm hoping that this will help me sing better," laughed Kipping.

All things considered, Kipping now looks more Ollie than Brian. Which was, after all, the point of the whole exercise.

Annie Director and Highlands Summer Festival artistic coordinator Scot Denton was ecstatic after the clipper intervention. "He looks great," smiled Denton, who has been working tirelessly with musical director Melissa Stephens since auditions and rehearsals started back in January.

Top, left to right: Kathleen Tedford, Brian Kipping, Emma Paul, Michelle Bailey and Hannah Klose



Above: Michelle Bailey, Brian Kipping, and Emma Paul.

"This last month is going to be a very busy, but also a very exciting time," says Denton. Denton teaches acting full time in the Musical Theater Program at Sheridan College in Oakville. He's been working with the Highlands Summer Festival - celebrating its 10th season this summer - for the past five years. The last two seasons he has worked as the Festival's coordinator.

"This year and last year I put the season together and chose the shows," says Denton. "This year I chose the two plays ("Butterflies are Free" and "Play On!") and this musical, and in conjunction with the board we chose the two concerts Dave Archibald and Limerick." Limerick is a night of unforgettable music performed by Melissa Stephens, Lauren McInnes, Tom Regina and other special guests. David Archibald in concert is an evening of song and humor by a performer who is no stranger to the Highlands Summer Festival stage.

The Highlands Summer Festival is a regionally based community theatre with charitable status.

Denton says that over nine years the Highlands Summer Festival has worked hard to improve every facet of the operation. He says that the faithful Highlands' patrons have come to expect quality programming and for that reason the Highlands Summer Festival remains focused on providing quality local entertainment.

Denton says that while he oversees all productions his focus right now remains firmly entrenched with Annie.

"I'm watching over the other productions, but they are all being managed by other professionals," says Denton.

He says that all 24 Annie actors, including Dexter the dog ("Sandy" in the play) have been plodding the boards every weekend over the last five months in dogged preparation for the opening on June 29. He says this work with the Highlands Summer Festival is the rewarding and fun.

"I make the commute every weekend come to know a lot of really great people up here," smiles Denton.

But he says there are the de rigueur challenges that come with the daunting task of putting together a well-known and much loved musical like Annie, in the confines of a rural demographic.

"Sometimes this challenge is casting but I have to say that everybody in this musical, and there are 24 performers including Dexter the Dog, are all residents of the area or they spend their summers here," says Denton.

He says that he has always been pretty amazed by the deep cove of talent extant here in the Highlands. "We have a great cast," says Denton. He says that summer theater audiences love this festival. He's heard the revues, been part of the huge kudos. It's why he continues to come back year after year.

"Everyone loves musicals, and people are so excited when they see that they can get together and through teamwork make it all happen," smiles Denton.

He says that this production of Annie has taken on a special poignancy. Little Orphan Annie is a touching tale borne from the Great Depression. Denton says that Annie's special message of redemption and recovery might just pack an extra special wallop for theater patrons this summer.

What can't be denied is that this summer's passel of plays are no-miss and must-see fare for all fans of good theater. Buy your tickets now and get 'em while you can.

"There's nothing like live theater really," says Denton. "It's magical. You never know what's going to happen in live theater."

Curtain Call: A special treat for patrons of the Festival. News that an "Annie Blog" will be appearing shortly on the Highlands Summer Festival website located at www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca. Cruise webly to that locale and follow the links for the latest Annie updates and blog posts.■

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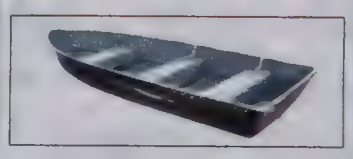

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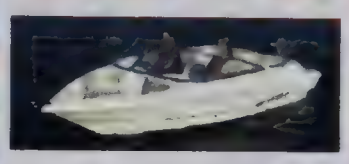

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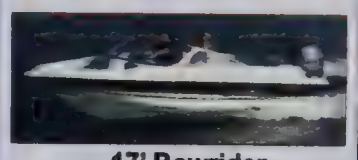

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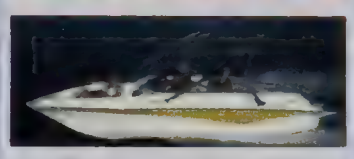

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Fleming Students Graduate

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

2009 Convocation Includes Awards Presentations and Inspirational Speeches from College Representatives

Friday, May 29, marked an important day in the lives of graduating students of Haliburton's Fleming College campus.

For many it was a day to reunite with their classmates, walk the halls of their campus once again and embrace the natural environment that surrounds the unique arts school. For others it was a time to reflect on their college experience and envision what the future has in store as they prepare to embark on the career that they've planned on starting.

This year 140 graduates donned their robes to receive their diplomas and certificates at the annual ceremony held in Fleming's Great Hall.

But before receiving their papers, the graduating class received some congratulatory words from Fleming's President, Tony Tilly, Murray Rodd, Chair of the Board of Governors and Ted Brandon, Fleming Training Officer and master of ceremonies for the convocation.

Below is a full list of all the graduates, starting with those who won awards in various categories.

Outstanding Achievement Award
David Ron Costescu

Ontario Craft Council Design Award
Wayland Gill

Artist Blacksmith Certificate Award
Gerd Theurer

Fibre Arts Certificate Award
Ausma Anna Clappison

Glassblowing Certificate Award
Reuben Paul Leoppky

Jewlerry Essentials Certificate Award
Sarah Sunstrum

Photo Arts Certificate Award
Lia Narduzzi

Visual Arts Fundamentals – Drawing and Painting Certificate Award
Darlene Heather Anne West

Visual and Creative Arts Diploma Award
Laurel Mae Reany

Expressive Arts Award
Janet Elizabeth Norman

Horticulture Technician Apprentice Award
Gregory D. Kavish

Sustainable Building Design and Construction Award
Kayla Wilkins

Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve Natural and Cultural Stewardship Award
Karl Miguel Hahn

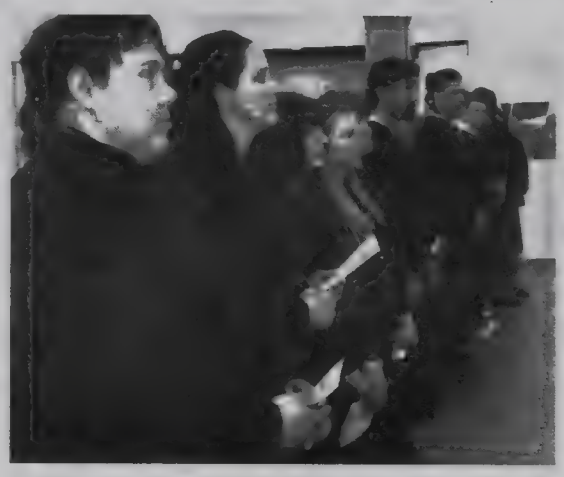
The International Ecotourism Society Award
Karl Miguel Hahn

Quest Nature Tours Award
Valerie Therese Van Wassenaer

Rotary Club of Haliburton Student Community Volunteer Awards
Leanne Edwards, Meredith Wires

The Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming College Trish Wyman Award
Megan Lederer

Valedictorian



David Ron Costescu

Graduates

Artist Blacksmith – David Vincent Brown, Megan Willow Campbell, David Ron Costescu, Russel Foster, Jason Alexander Heels, Stephan David Thomas Hind, Brent Michael Lacroix, John Ross Joseph Mercredi, Paul Alexander Milne, Matthew Blair Norman, Bryce Vincent Pruner, Gerd Theurer, James Nelson Tulloch, Jean-claude Leonard Violette, Antonina Ewa Wodzinska.

Fibre Arts – Elisha Christine Barlow, Marilyn June Brewer, Aimee Elise Buikema, Ausma Anna Clappison, Catherine Janet Fisher, Mary-Frances Fox, Alyssa Graybeal, Lindsay Hobbs, Heidi Hudspith, Corinn Ada Jockisch.

Glassblowing – Carlin John Clark, Ari Gancman, Tiffany Louise Hunt, Nicholas Kitras, Reuben Paul Loeppky, Graham Blair Mackrell, John Ross Joseph Mercredi, Robert David Mclaren Raeside, Aden Albert Spurr.

Jewelry Essentials – Leanne Jennifer Cherry, David Ron Costescu, Tina Maria DeRuiter, Rachel Anne Dykstra, Nicholas Michael Fitzgerald, Alexander William Mark, Janis Ellen Nicklas, Carly Afton Smallbone, Sarah Sunstrum.

Photo Arts – Carina Olga Maria, Joanna Melba Burley, Tine Maria DeRuiter, Erin Bronlyn Fisher, Tiffany Louise Hunt, Anna Lisa Kasko, Amber Cindy Maeghan Moir, Lisa Narduzzi, Cora Trimble, Geoffrey Robert Vanevery, Kathryn Leigh Virag-Cavanagh, Robert Viscardis.

Visual Arts Fundamentals (Drawing and Painting) – Kayla Ann Anscomb, Matt James Bradley, Blayne Robert Brown, David Thomas Edwards, Margo Falls, Larissa Maria Gibson, Wayland Gill, Meillsa Keevil, Alexander William Mark, Marsha Masseau, Scott Mitchell, Jocelyn-Simone Janine Proulx, Constance Mary Tenaglia, Darlene Heather Anne West, Brian R. Wilson.

Visual and Creative Arts – Mark Antony, Janie Grice Barker, Matt James Bradley, Aimee Elise Buikema, Susan Butz, Leanne Jennifer Cherry, Larissa Maria Gibson, Lauren Helmkay, Stephan David Thomas Hind, Bryce Vincent Pruner, Laurel Mae Reany, Andrew William Rothfischer, Carly Afton Smallbone, Alvin Jason VanDrie.

Expressive Arts – Kimberly Ann Baxter, Danah Anne Beaulieu, Barbara Callaghan, Susan Dyment, Jessica Hoflick, Julie Lynn McIntyre, Lee-Anne Mitchell, Laura Elise Muller, Janet Elizabeth Norman, Melissa Webster.

Horticulture Technician Apprentice – John Briggs, Benjamin Clayton Buckley, Gregory D. Kavish, Kevin Kerrigan, Matthew Morrison, James M. Penrose, Robert Toste.

Sustainable Building Design and Construction – Kristopher Carson Beal, Nicholas Edward Buncic, Christine Caracciolo, Maura Coulter, Leslie Doyle, Ryan Patrick Dunn, Tyler Joseph Field, Christopher Fragnito, Robert Taylor Franklin, Robert Gregory Irwin, Trevor J. Kenopic, James Peter Cloudsley Low, Steven Massey, Robert William Mayer, Annie Murphy, Chester William George Rennie, Philip John Robson, Jorma Juhani Heikki Salminen, Sarah Joey Seitz, Annabelle Singleton, Robert Paul Steffler, Jackson Stone, Joanne Eve Swisterski, Kathryn Jane Tannock, Ian Campbell Weir, Kayla Wilkins, Andrew Macbeath Willis, Mark David Wolk.

Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management – Deanna Lynn Anthony, Julia Jean Canning, Gordon B. Darling, Leanne Edwards, Matt Ferguson, Karl Miguel Hahn, Megan Lederer, Leah Gabrielle Norris, Panayio Spiros, Valerie Therese Van Wassenaer, Meredith Wires. ■

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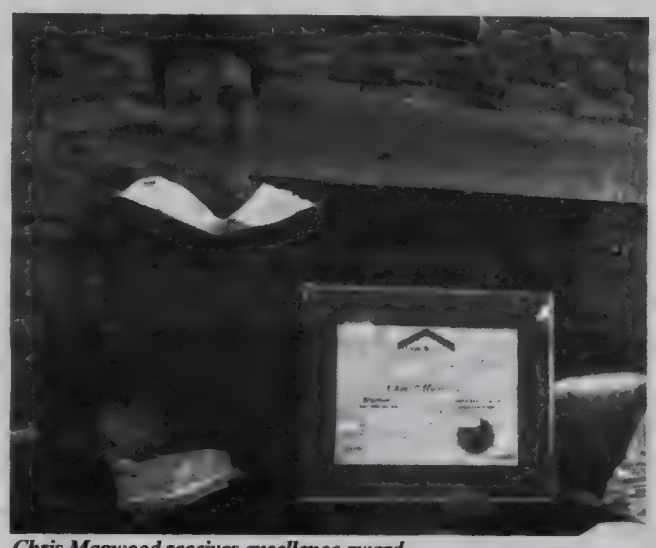
A total of 140 Fleming College students graduated from the Haliburton campus during the 2009 Convocation on Friday, May 29. A number of students were also recognized at the event in an awards presentation ceremony.

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Fleming Faculty Member Accepts Award at Convocation

Chris Magwood Recognized by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for Excellence in Education

At the 2009 Convocation, Chris Magwood, Coordinator of Fleming College's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program, received recognition from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in the form of the 2008 Excellence in Education Award.



Chris Magwood receives excellence award

"It's really nice to get a teaching award because I'm a builder," said Magwood in an interview with The Voice prior to the presentation. "It's also nice to get the award from the CMHC because they've done a lot of research on energy efficient, sustainable building materials."

In a Fleming College press release, Sandra Dupret, Principal of the Haliburton campus, praises Magwood for his level of dedication to his craft both in and outside of the classroom.

"Chris is a model individual who practices what he preaches," stated Dupret. "He teaches sustainable building, design and construction, and at the end of a day of teaching, he returns to the sustainable family home that he built. His commitment to sustainability is so firm and genuine that our students have a truly honest classroom and field experience."

In addition to his work as a faculty member, Magwood is an author, builder and advocate for sustainable building. He is an international expert in straw bale construction and is the former editor of the Last Straw Journal, an international publication about bale and natural building. In 2007 Harrowsmith Magazine named him a "Canadian Eco Hero."

Magwood began teaching at Fleming in 2002 in the Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism program. In 2003 he proposed the concept of a full-time program in sustainable building, when at the time, he operated his own construction business.

The Sustainable Building Design and Construction, launched at the Haliburton campus in 2005, is only one of it's kind in Canada. The certificate program runs yearly from April to August.

Students who have enrolled in the program have worked on many sustainable building projects in the county including the 4C's food bank in Haliburton, R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden and the Kinark Sustainable Living Centre. The most recent graduating class constructed the Madoc Performing Arts Centre in Madoc, Ontario.

The CMHC established the Excellence in Education Award for Promotion of Sustainable Practices to recognize educators who have integrated sustainable concepts in housing and community development into the academic curriculum. ■

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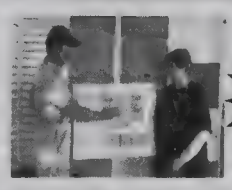
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A Stroll Down Memory Lane

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans

The Minden arena was filled with the sounds of 50's and 60's music last Saturday afternoon; it was a sobering moment when many in attendance had to admit that they actually remembered all the lyrics. "A stroll down memory lane" was what the Minden Hills Museum Committee had dubbed its 2nd annual fund-raising event, and the music was unquestionably an appropriate beginning.

It was easy to forget the turmoil of the present auto industry while admiring the vehicles on display. So much about the music and transportation of past decades was intertwined. " Drive My Car, Mustang Sally, Fun, Fun, Fun, Little Deuce Coupe, Hey Little Cobra, Little G.T.O. and Dead Man's Curve are just a few titles that exemplify the significance of the automobile during the prime decades of the baby-boomers. Gas was cheap, seat belts were just being considered and "air-bags" was still an expression used to describe people who talked too much. Somehow, the Ford Focus and Honda Civic don't inspire the same musical artistry, albeit, they may be efficient and safe means of transportation. Possibly, cars as a means of cultural identity will suffer the same fate as GM and Chrysler. Saturday however, was not a day to wallow in such controversy; it was a day to reminisce.

The "stroll down memory lane" concluded with a well-attended 50's and 60's dance at the Minden Community Center and was not an "early night" for many boomers! ■

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MNR Rescues Orphaned Moose

Calf Taken to Aspen Wildlife Sanctuary for Rehabilitation

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Sometime on the night of Monday, May 18, on Hwy 503 just west of Kinmount, a female moose (cow) was struck and killed by a vehicle. On a positive note, its baby calf was found alive and well the following day.

This baby moose is doing just fine

Scott Bird, Senior Fish and Wildlife Specialist with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), was at the scene of the accident the day after. Bird said that several people in the area reported seeing a calf running around in the area.

"I located the calf and brought it back to the office," he said. "We took the animal to the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Rosseau."

The Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary cares for injured and orphaned wildlife and returns animals back to their natural environment once they recover.

Bird said that the calf, which he guessed to be about one week old, was healthy but hungry. He added that once the calf fully recovers it will be returned to the area in which it was found.

As for its current condition, the calf is doing well.

"I called to check up on it and it's doing just fine," said Bird.

If you happen to see wildlife in distress, don't take it with you, call the Minden MNR office at 705 286-1521. If you spot a deceased animal on the road that poses a safety issue to traffic call the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment at 705 286-1431. ■

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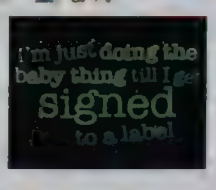

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A Smart Solution for Sewage Lagoons

All You Need to Know about Flocculated Sludge

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

During the last intake of Building Canada infrastructure funding, the Algonquin Highlands Council decided that one of their priorities was the rehabilitation of the McClintock Sewage Lagoon. With sufficient funds in their reserves to cover the Municipality's portion of the project, the Council agreed to submit an application through the government's new Stimulus Program to respond to what is quickly becoming a desperate need. Last week at their regular meeting, the Council listened to a presentation from a company that is offering a very simple but effective solution.

Manager of Operations Brian Whetstone introduced Kevin Bossy of Bishop Water Technologies who provided Council with the details of the Geotube technology. Increasing costs to treat and store wastewater in lagoons continue to be a major concern for municipalities and according to Bossy this technology offers an effective low cost solution with short project time lines.

Bossy explained that a Geotube container is a geo-textile dewatering system made from specially designed, dual filament, polypropylene material. The Geotube is fabricated to meet the requirements of each specific project and according to Bossy, provides a simple, low maintenance and cost effective solution for reducing volume in municipal sewage lagoons.

The system works in three stages; containment, dewatering and consolidation. After grading a site in close proximity to the lagoon, removing debris and sharp objects from the area to ensure the Geotube is not punctured and constructing a containment berm, sludge is pumped into the Geotube.

As the sludge is pumped into the container, it is mixed with a coagulant that causes the liquids to separate from the solids. While the container is being filled with what's called (no kidding) flocculated sludge, the dewatering process starts, filtering effluent through the special material of the container and leaving the solids trapped inside. The filtered fluids are directed back into the lagoon and the solids remain in the tube.

During the consolidation stage, the solids inside the Geotube container go through a microbial compost process, [illegible] de-water over time. Bossy commented that in cold climates, [illegible] actually improves the de-watering process, allowing further reduction of solids.

Bossy said that close to the lagoon there is a good area for "lay down" of two of the Geotubes. He said, "Once the lay down area has been established you can leave the tubes in place. They will continue to dewater over time." He proposed to utilize a small floating dredge to push material up from the bottom of the lagoon.

"When the drainage is completed and a period of setting has been allowed, the Geotube can simply be cut open and the contents removed with loading equipment. Dewatered sludge can be spread on approved fields or taken to landfill to be covered.

Bossy said that the actual solids pumped into the Geotube container are typically between 1-5 percent. When removed from the Geotube container after dewatering the remaining nutrients are often between 45-50 percent dry, significantly reducing the cost of disposal due to bulk. The fabric of the Geotube container allows air to pass through, allowing natural microbial composting to take place inside the tube.

Councillor Don Shortreed inquired whether a special certificate of approval (C of A) would be necessary to dump the resulting material in the landfill. Whetstone said that the only approvals required would be to transport the material which he said (after consultation with the Senior Ministry of the Environment (MOE) Officer) he believed would not be a problem.

Bossy advised that the tubes should not be used as long term storage. He confirmed that no amendment would be required to the Municipality's C of A and that his company would provide the necessary protocol to be used. He added however, that it was the Municipality's responsibility to work with the MOE.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison inquired how long the tube could be left in place and Bossy responded that the Geotubes are UV protected and as long as they were passively dewatering they could be used for up to 10 years.

As might be expected the matter of odour came up. Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner inquired about the impact to neighbouring properties and Shortreed asked how long the lagoon would be out of commission. Bossy commented that he was still trying to determine the best time to do the project, which is often determined by black flies. He suggested doing the work in late September or early October, after most septic systems have been pumped out and the population has returned to lower levels.

Bossy said, "The prevailing winds normally push the flotsam to our side of the lagoon which should reduce any problems and the lagoon will only be out of commission for several days."

Harrison inquired about disposal of the tubes once they were cut open. Bossy's response was that they could be power washed and sold or used by the roads department as geo-textile for road construction. He said that as high grade geo-textile it could also be used for highway weed suppression or even resized for bedding in barns.

Council accepted the presentation as information and will move forward on the project if the Stimulus funding is approved. Should the funding be turned down, it remains to be seen whether the Municipality will proceed with lagoon rehabilitation, funded totally out of reserves. ■

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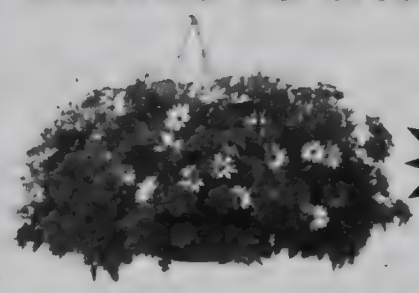
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Kashagawigamog Lake - $789,900

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Water Street - $169,000

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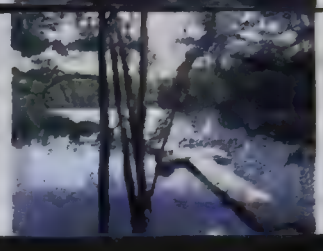

Kushog Lake - $189,500

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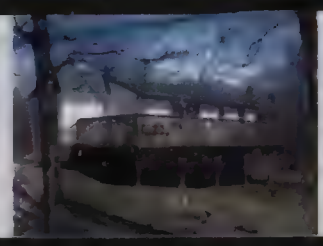

Gull Lake Access - $149,000

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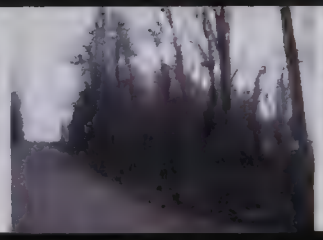
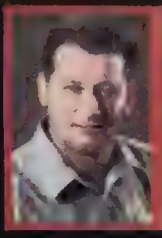


Indian Point Rd. - $54,900

22 acre parcel that is only 10 minutes to the village of haliburton. hydro and bell at lot line. drag lake boat launch and public beach only minutes away. price is plus gst.



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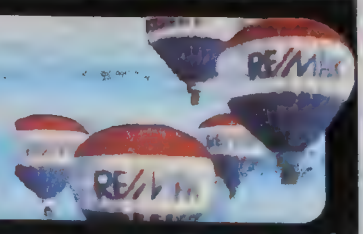

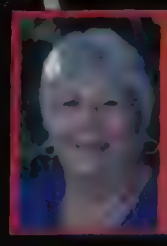

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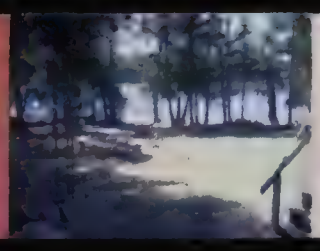

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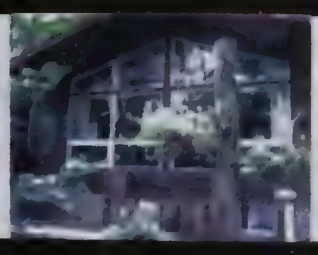

Basshaunt Lake - $429,000
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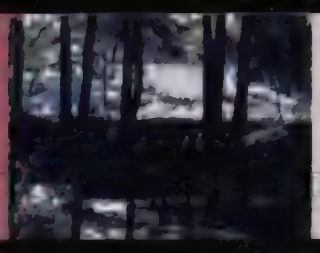

Little Glamor Lake - $315,000
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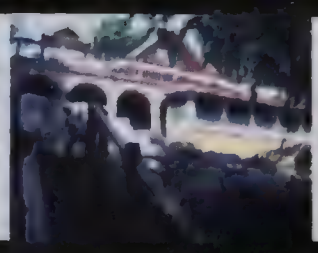

Redstone Lake - $1,349,000
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Kushog Lake - $369,900
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Boat to Boshkung - $429,000
This stunning 3 bdrm/2.5 bath Beech River home/cottage with a full walk-out basement features ceramic and hardwood floors, walls of windows, pine accents, screened porch, beautifully landscaping and a det'd garage.

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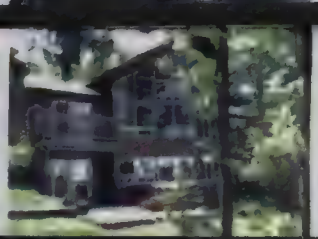

Kashagawigamog Lake - $749,000
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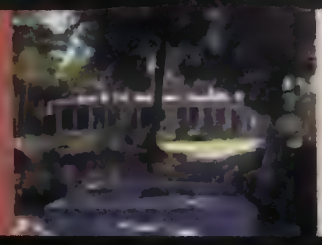

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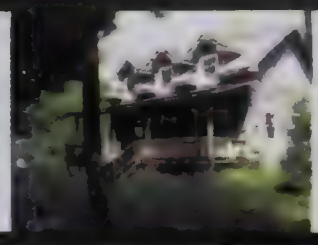

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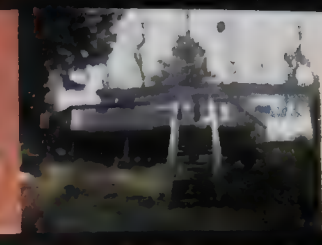

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Controversy over Enduro Bikes on the Rail Trail Continues

"Our decision last month may have been premature." (Reeve Jim McMahon)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Last week County Council was poised to adopt a by-law allowing Enduro Bikes onto the Rail Trail but the issue brought four delegations and numerous letters for Council's consideration to the meeting on Wednesday, May 27th. Not everyone was against the idea, including a number of County Councillors, but sufficient concerns were raised about the terms of the agreement and the fact that the decision was being made without the full support of the Rail Trail Committee was enough for the Council to defer their decision for now.

Mark Coles, past President of the Haliburton All Terrain Vehicle Association (HATVA) said he was at the meeting to set the record straight about his association's position. He said that he wasn't against efforts to include specific motorcycles as long as there is control over that use. Coles also said that it had been his understanding that the matter would be discussed further by the Rail Trail Committee.

Coles outlined a number of concerns. First and foremost, he said that there had been problems with dirt bikes on the trail when they weren't allowed and particularly with their Corduroy event. He said, "HATVA's support is conditional on a lot of checks and balances." This included how their use would be wardened, what other bikes would be allowed, the position of the City of Kawartha Lakes, how the signage would be changed and how many volunteers the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders (OFTR) would provide to ensure that their use was compatible with others.

Beth Madole voiced the concerns raised by at least 12 adjacent land owners, saying that they were likely representative of a much larger group. She provided some reflections on the use of the trail. She said there is a very committed group using the trail for cycling and walking and that this diverse group often goes unnoticed and over time, through frustration with motorized use, some are no longer using the trail. Madole noted that there are many incidents of speeding and that often the bikes are not properly licensed. She suggested restricting times for specific types of use to avoid the kind of conflict that would continue to discourage use by non-motorized users.

Madole said there needed to be protocol established for right-of-way on the trail as well as some mechanism to monitor that protocol. She voiced concern about the increased amount of dust that additional motorized use would create and about the use of calcium to reduce dust which proves to be problematic for pets. Madole also asked what the terms of reference would be for the trial period being recommended for use by Enduro bikes, adding that their website says their use has been approved with no reference to any trial period.

Madole concluded her statements by saying, "A closer look at this is required with more public input."

Barrie Martin then addressed Council, speaking simply as a concerned citizen and not as a representative of any particular organization but as someone who has a lot of experience with the trail. Martin said that he believed the users must all work together in an organized fashion. He asked that Council rescind their decision, suggesting that it was premature, coming before the master plan review process was completed.

Martin also spoke about the challenges facing the committee, stressing the fact that there is only one person representing non motorized users when there are often two representatives for the ATV and snowmobile users. Martin said, "The criteria for the committee representatives should be reviewed and the committee should be restructured."

"The concept of a shared use trail should be examined carefully. It is not always all it is cracked up to be." Martin offered a number of suggestions for Council's consideration and offered his assistance.

B. F. Goard also made a brief presentation to Council, saying that he was concerned that County Council was 'about to make a disastrous faux pas.' Goard said there is a lot of dissention and conflict over use of the trail, along with noise, dust, speeding, littering and issues of trespass. "A mix of motorcycles won't work," he said.

Goard ended his presentation by saying, "Allowing motorcycles on the Rail Trail will leave a very bad legacy."

In correspondence to Council, Ute Wright questioned their decision to allow additional motorized use during the summer months, thus placing the safety of non motorized users at risk. Wright and Gordon Abel both suggested that there was a conflict of interest with Ken Hoeverman managing Trails and Tours as well as being the Executive Director of OFTR. Abel suggested that the Council members had been manipulated by Hoeverman, allowing themselves to be convinced to support use on the trail by the OFTR, which had been turned down by the Committee.

Murray Cowan, who also supported the use of the trail by non motorized users, voiced concerns in his letter about motorized users (ATV's in particular) using the trail almost immediately after the snow melted, rather than waiting for the June 1st deadline, and asked what guarantee there was that the same thing would not happen with Enduro bikes.

Council agreed to reach a decision while interested parties were in the room. CAO Jim Wilson advised Council that there were two issues to be discussed; one was the actual by-law amendment allowing Enduro bikes on the trail and the other was a by-law allowing Council to enter into an agreement with OFTR (similar to that in place with HATVA).

"I couldn't find another Rail Trail in Ontario that allows Enduro bikes. These are very different animals and we don't have to treat them the same."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey was first to speak. He asked how many members the OFTR had if those numbers would be adequate to warden the trail. He also asked, "If the details haven't been worked out, aren't we being premature."

Fearrey, who said he'd been in communication with the City of Kawartha Lakes, said that the addition of Enduro bikes on the trail would be problematic for them. He said, "They want to co-operate, but are opposed to this use."

Fearrey also voiced concern that the Council wasn't acting on a recommendation from the Committee and that they were jumping the gun. He said, "We're creating a situation that we can't enforce."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she had been under the impression that the committee had studied the report done in January. She also said, "In fairness to the delegation, the Rail Trail Master Plan suggests treating everyone the same providing they adhere to the same regulations." Harrison also said that from the complaints in the papers and letters to Council she didn't think anyone was any more in love with ATV's than Enduro bikes. She agreed that adequate review may not have been done but she wanted to be fair to both groups as long as they had insurance and were willing to warden their use.

Fearrey said, "I couldn't find another Rail Trail in Ontario that allows Enduro bikes. These are very different animals and we don't have to treat them the same."

Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis commented that the County had a very valuable piece of infrastructure but without sufficient policy or enforcement this was not the time to add an additional use. "I won't support the use," he said.

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon reiterated comments made last month that the County pays Trails and Tours to manage the trail. He said, "The first thing that came to my mind was economic development for the County, but after our meeting I found out that the committee had recommended a one month trial, not a year." McMahon said he had heard a number of complaints about ATVs being on the trail when they aren't properly. He said, "I feel we owe it to these people to revisit this. Our decision last month may have been premature."

Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said that the mandate of the Master Plan is to allow multi-use. She said, "The timing may not be right but I feel we must give this group some consideration." Murdoch added that she would have grave concerns if Council totally banned use by OFTR. She said, "We will have to put some money into the trail and into enforcement." Murdoch, despite acknowledging that there is a strong group that would like to see all motorized use off the trail, suggested giving the group a try for a month.

Fearrey had questions about who would pay for signage and whether staff had looked at additional enforcement. Wilson responded that OFTR would pay for additional signage. He also said that enforcement was on a part time basis or when the officer was in the area, adding that if Council wants to increase enforcement they could do so.

At Warden Dave Burton's suggestion that the Council send the matter back to the Committee for further consideration, Harrison suggested some kind of time frame be set. Murdoch suggested that as the season was from June to September there was a lot of leeway to pick a month for a trial period. Fearrey however was concerned that once the group was allowed onto the trail, it would be hard to get them off.

Murdoch suggested having the trial month in September as the season was over in November. Tempers started to flare and a bit of an argument ensued between Fearrey and Murdoch.

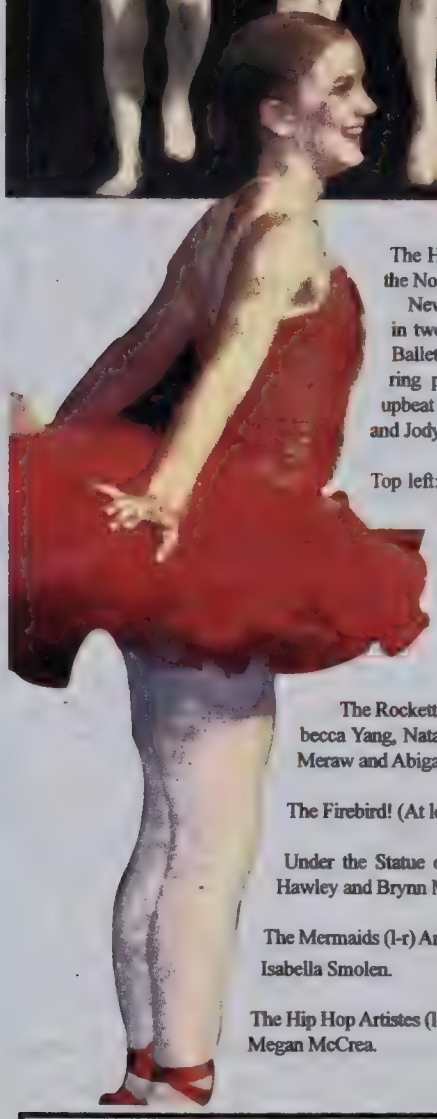
Finally, two resolutions were passed. The first was to take the matter back to the Rail Trail Committee for further discussion with a deadline for a recommendation by the end of June.

The second resolution, which will likely have an effect on the first resolution, was to review the Committee structure. This resolution was carried unanimously. It should be noted that after Council's decision to approve the use of Enduro bikes on the trail Davis resigned his position on the Committee. During this meeting a related motion was carried appointing Harrison to Chair the Committee. (Murdoch is also a member of the Rail Trail Committee.)

It will be interesting to see how the two resolutions will work in concert. Questions have been raised on how the committee can revisit the matter of use of the trail before their structure/membership has been clarified and, if the structure of the committee is in question, whether it shouldn't be County Council making that decision, rather than the Committee itself. ■

New York New York Hits Haliburton

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter



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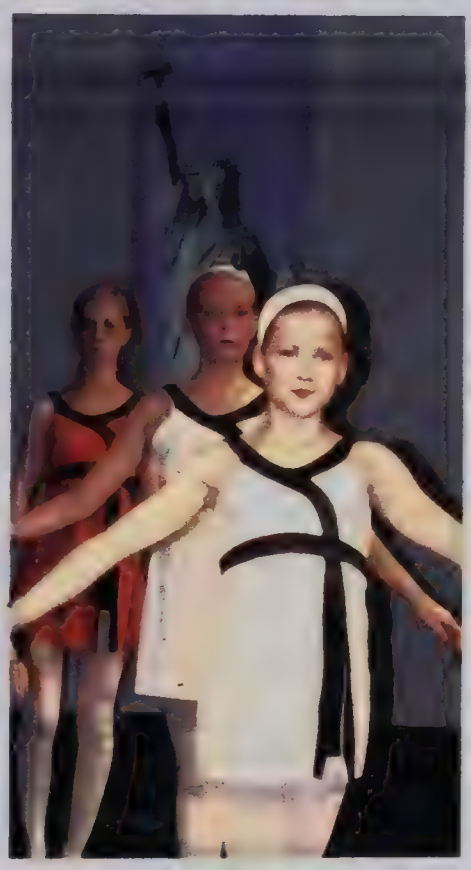
The Rockettes! (l-r) Martine Perry, Maya Meraw, Rebecca Yang, Natalya Gimon, Mikaela Kauffeldt, Daniella Meraw and Abigail Kauffel.

The Firebird! (At left) Tamara Poropat.

Under the Statue of Liberty –(l-r) Emily Edwards, Jillian Hawley and Brynn Meyers.

The Mermaids (l-r) Ania Smolen, Lena Haase, Kiera Casey and Isabella Smolen.

The Hip Hop Artistes (l-r) Tiffany vanLieshout, Nadia Shivji and Megan McCrea.



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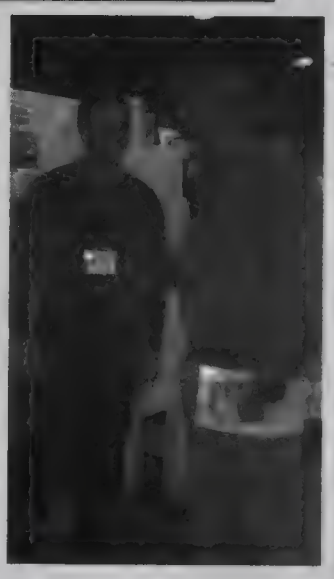

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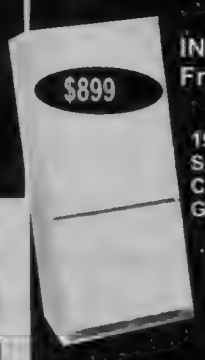

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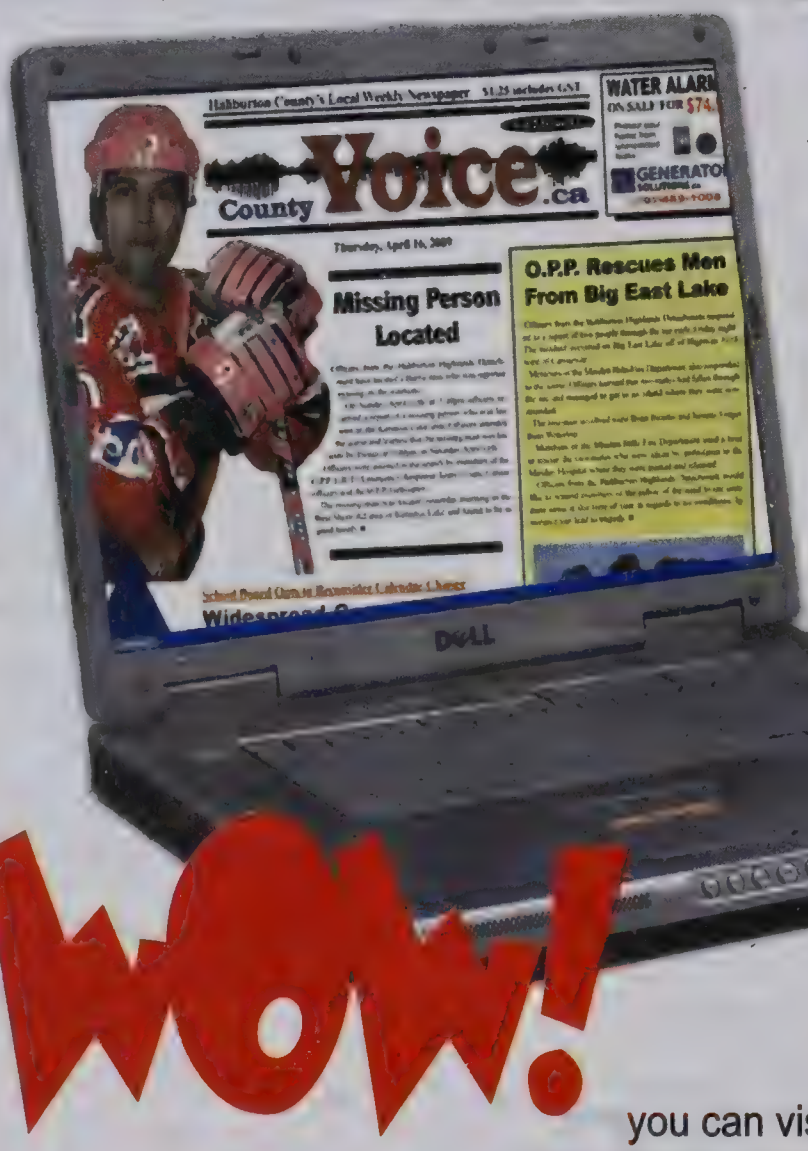

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But even before Wednesday, staff of the Minden Tim Hortons and others organized a yard sale in the Timmy's parking lot this past Saturday to help raise funds for the initiative.

Carolyn Steele, Supervisor at the Minden location and organizer of the yard sale, said that this was the first year that a sale was held in the parking lot for the 'Send Kids to Camp Day'.

"All the items we have are donated from people in the community," said Steele. "And people were generous."

Entertainment was also provided to yard sale shoppers courtesy of Ziggy, a local clown.

Through the annual fundraising day that is held every year at Tim Hortons locations, kids from low-income families are sent to a camp for a period of 10 days. In 2008 Camp Day raised more than $9 million Canadian. ■

Kinmount's Past Unveiled

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans

The crowd was getting anxious to see what was under the blue tarp in Kinmount on May 30th. The unveiling of the town's first mural was scheduled for 1:30, and things weren't happening quickly enough for some. Introductions took a few minutes longer than expected, but judging by comments among onlookers, the short wait was quickly forgotten. People liked what they saw!

Local artist Brenda Mulholland, a graduate of Humber College and Ontario Collage of Art, was commissioned by the Kinmount Economic Development and Sesquicentennial Committees to duplicate a scene from Kinmount's past. The result was an image of the main street, as originally reproduced on a monochrome postcard circa 1901. The mural is now located on the south wall of village post office, very close to the vantage point where the original scene would have been observed. The postmark and one cent stamp bearing a profile of Edward VII add interest to the reproduction.

Kinmount's mural unveiling is just one of many sesquicentennial events planned for this year. For more information on upcoming celebrations and updated issues of the Gazette, visit the Kinmount web site at: http://www.kinmount.ca/index.html. ■

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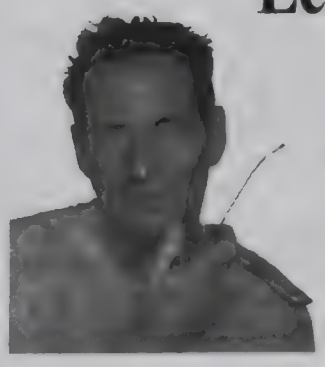

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Last weekend twin kings bit the dust.

For Rafael Nadal, the undisputed King of red brick clay at Stade Roland Garros in Paris, a humbling came at the hands of a swift punching hitherto unknown Swedish peasant and swordsman, Robin Soderling.

Nadal, number one tennis player in the world, an unbeaten, four-time French Open Champion, lost to Soderling in a stunner of a four set dustbuster on the fine red dust at Garros last Saturday afternoon at the French Open tennis tournament.

Two things happened immediately after that match was over.

Nadal, heartbroken, his string of 31 straight match wins at Roland Garros over - his chance at tennis history suddenly and stunningly stolen from him by a wildly flailing upstart – and his dream of a fifth straight French Open title gone, still managed a small shrug, a self-deprecating smile, and a humble amble to the net.

At the net, the King met the peasant, looked him in the eye and wished him luck.

And then?

He shook his hand.

Soderling, for his part, realizing the enormity of the event, broke with tennis tradition.

He threw a racket to the crowd, he packed up his bag and he was off the court in 45 seconds.

Winners always leave last.

But Soderling is a pro.

He left the red clay to Nadal and the fans.

Call that class.

An ocean away in Orlando Florida.

Another King dethroned.

LeBron James was on the court when the final buzzer sounded on his Cleveland Cavaliers season.

The Cavs were expected to win the Eastern Conference NBA championship against the Orlando Magic.

After the game LeBron stormed out and refused to shake the hands of a single Magic player, including his Olympic teammate Dwight Howard.

He also refused to give any post game interviews to the waiting press.

Howard who was waiting after the game to say a few words to his friend was nonplussed.

"I just thought he would have said something to me or said something to the team," said Howard, who will face the Lakers in the N.B.A. finals beginning Thursday. "He's probably upset, probably hurt and I understand that, respect it. One day we'll see each other, and I'll have to wait until then."

Asked if he was surprised, Howard replied, "Real surprised."

Howard later said that LeBron had sent an email on Sunday.

It was terse and whiny. Not an apology but a screed.

"It's hard for me to congratulate somebody after you just lose to them," he said. "I'm a winner. It's not being a poor sport or anything like that. If somebody beats you up, you're not going to congratulate them. That doesn't make sense to me. I'm a competitor. That's what I do. It doesn't make sense for me to go over and shake somebody's hand."

The snub and the shrug stirred more dust than Nadal ever did on the red clay over four years.

This "apology" was weak, and didn't jibe with any notion of sportsmanship.

His refusal to entertain the press post game was childish.

His appearance on television in Cleveland a day after the loss wearing a New York Yankee ball cap was idiotic.

Maybe he could take a cue from a young man from right here in Haliburton.

Matt Duchene is only 18. Last weekend, he took some time, and signed a sweater for a friend.

The friend, Dawson Hamilton.

A young Minden kid, only 9, on the hard edge of recovery from four long years of cancer treatments at Sick Kids.

The sweater will be auctioned and the proceeds will go to the Dawson's Dream fund.

The Brampton Battalion, Matt's team took Dawson on as a teammate this year.

Matt's a hero and a role model for young Dawson.

Just make a note, that Matt Duchene, indeed most hockey players shake hands after a tough series.

His coach Stan Butler wouldn't have it any other way.

The eminent Boston Globe columnist Bob Ryan noted recently that shaking hands after a loss, is an NHL and indeed a Canadian hockey tradition

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LeBron could learn something from Rafa Nadal, Robin Soderling, and Matt Duchene.

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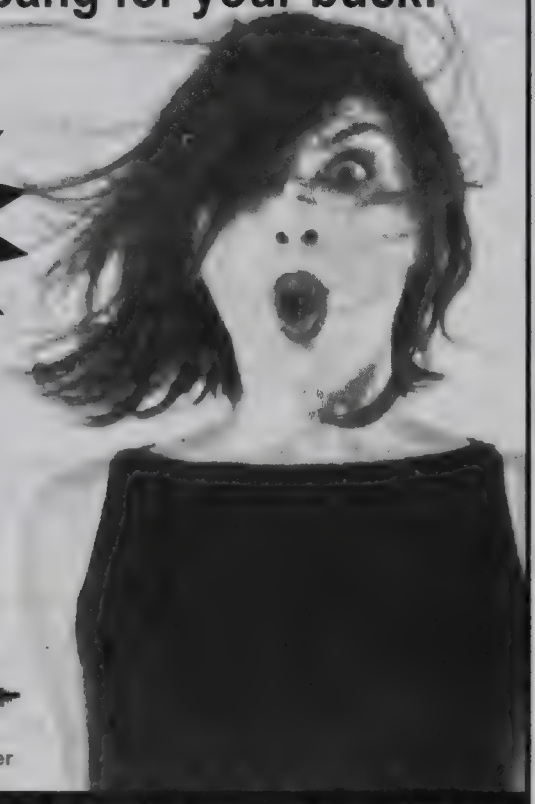

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For the past five years, members of the Minden District Fur Harvesters and their supporters have devoted about two-hours out of their day, twice annually, to tidy up sections of Hwy 35 and Hwy 121 in Minden. This past Saturday the group of volunteers equipped themselves with garbage bags, trash tongs and orange and yellow vests to carry out their routine spring clean-up.

"We though it would be a good idea to help tidy up the roads," said Paul Arkwright, President of the Minden District Fur Harvesters, when asked why the group first started cleaning up sections of highway.

The group first started volunteering five years ago when they approached the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) to take part in the Adopt-a-Highway program. Through the program volunteers agree to adopt a section of highway and keep it clean. Individuals or groups who participate are recognized by the ministry with a sign that is placed on the road with their name on it.

The group will be back out to clean up garbage along the same sections of highway in the fall.

The Minden Fur Harvesters is a non-profit organization that covers areas such as Minden, Bancroft and Seabright. The group is primarily made up of "trappers" who contribute to the fur industry and educate others about the rules and regulations that are part of the activity.

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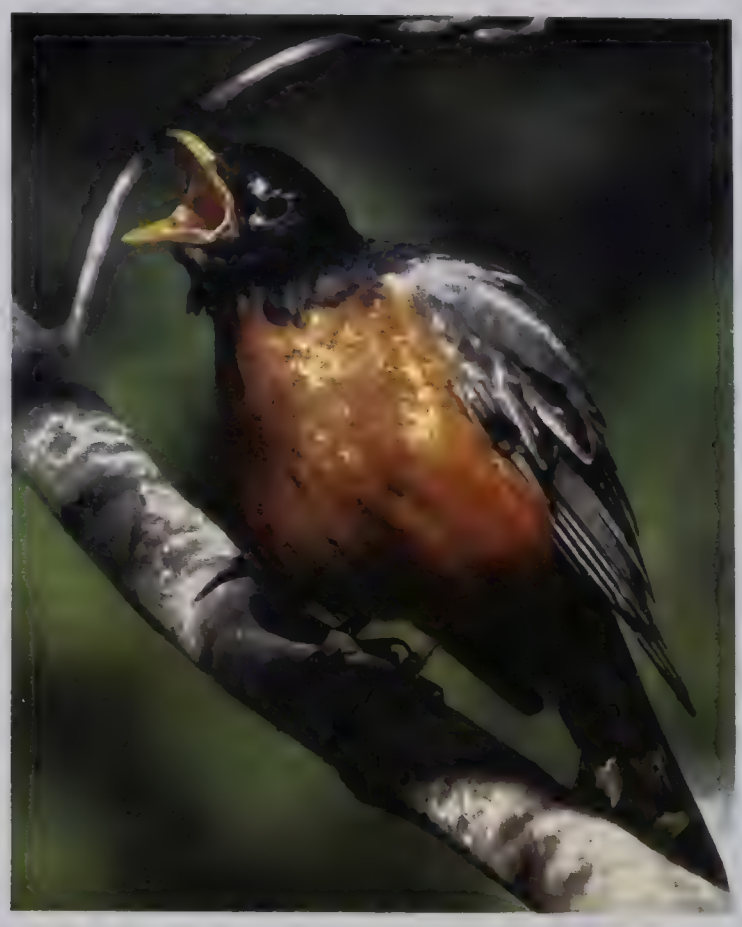

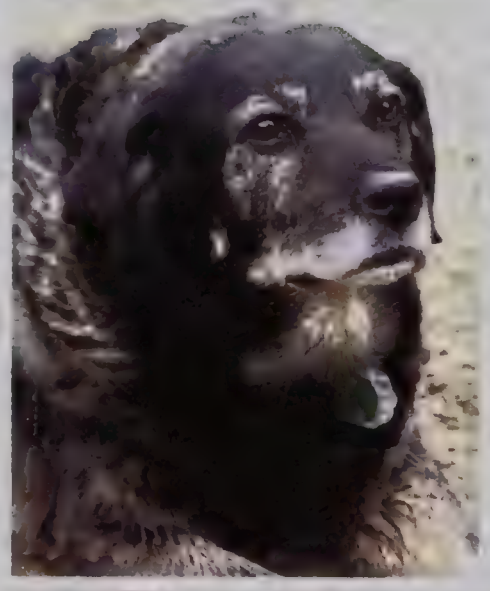

The group numbered almost a dozen, at 6:30 AM. Donald Smith, a member of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, along with his eleven and a half-year-old companion, Coco, was taking a group of enthusiasts on a bird walk.

Clad in typical hiking gear, and fortified with bug repellent, mosquito jackets, binoculars, cameras and birding books, the group members gathered in the parking lot in preparation for the adventure.

Before even leaving the gathering area, a blue heron, its legs extended, was spotted soaring overhead. Several meters away, a Yellow Bellied Sapsucker hammered on a pole, its sound so incredibly disproportionate to its size. Maybe these sightings were a good omen!

Just as the birders were about to head out, a recently posted trail sign caught their attention. The ensuing off-topic discussion regarding rail-trail use didn't last long however, as Coco was watching something in the bush. Coco appeared to locate birds sooner than her human companions. She could often be seen staring at a tree long before other members sensed anything.

White throated sparrows, ravens, woodpeckers, robins, sapsuckers, red-eyed vireos, chickadees and wood warblers (oven birds) were just some of the bird songs that Donald Smith identified and mimicked along the trail. Spring wildflowers were also a topic of interest to many.

Anyone who would enjoy an early morning nature walk can catch Donald Smith next Saturday morning May 30th at Geeza Rd (which runs off the Gelert Road just east of 121 north of Kinmount) when he will lead another morning stroll. ■

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TSN Visits Haliburton for Duchene Interview

Duchene and Hodgson picked to Junior national Camp in August

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Sports Editor

It's been a hectic two weeks for the Haliburton Hurricane Matthew Duchene.

What with his selection to the National Junior Team tryout camp, an induction to the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame, an appearance at the NHL Combine workouts in Toronto and an appearance - in full black fly armor - on a featured TSN spotlight profile.

Let's see, what did we leave out?

Well, there was a very poignant donation of his signed and battle-scarred Brampton Battalion sweater to his good buddy, Minden resident Dawson Hamilton. Dawson is an awe-inspiring, cancer-battling nine year old, with a high tolerance to pain and a walloping love of life and hockey. (See the story in this week's Voice)

Battalion spokesman Phil Ercolani said that, "the auction will be held online starting on June 15 and carrying over the NHL draft weekend."

The jersey will be up on the Battalion website and will go to the highest bidder shortly after Duchene's presumed top three pick in this year's NHL entry draft in Montreal on June 26th and 27th.

Matt's week of wonder not quite done.

On Tuesday evening Matt made a trip to Pittsburgh for an appearance on Hockey Night in Canada and the Stanley Cup finals, as part of Don Cherry's annual top prospects pre draft interview and chat.

Duchene appeared with fellow draftees Brayden Schenn, Evander Kane, Victor Hedman and John Tavares. Don Cherry called them the "Crème da di crème" ((sic) of hockey prospects in Canada, apparently oblivious to the fact that he was mangling franglais syntax while sitting next to the OHL's scholastic player of the year (Matty D). For the record, young Matthew's favorite team is the Montreal Canadiens – his number 9 an homage to the greatest player of all time Maurice 'Rocket' Richard - and his player of choice is Sydney Crosby. He has pasta four hours before game time.

Matthew also told the nation the story about how Don Cherry saved his grandfather's life. According to Matt, his grandmother asked her husband to go out to the barn to feed the cattle. There was an horrendous ice storm in the area. Matt's granddad begged off saying he had to watch "Coach's Corner" first. And a short time later a tremendous "crack" was heard. The ice had caused the barn's roof to collapse and it actually killed a few of the animals. "Right where my grandfather would have been standing," said Matt. Nice story, and well told.

The TSN profile in Haliburton was another nice touch last week. Recognition for a player that will go top three in this year's NHL draft.

Best remembered for Matt's somewhat unusual training togs.

The camera crew caught Duchene in his yard, firing pucks, face arms and legs covered with a high-tech, low-diva, Highlands ensemble of full-on black fly netting. Vogue says that black is "it" this season, and Duchene apparently got the memo.

The TSN spot was just the kickoff.

Last weekend Duchene also made an appearance at the annual scouting combine camp, where NHL teams variously prod, poke, question and amble into some uncharted territory with the top prospects, in preparation for the June draft in Montreal.

The questions are for the most part pretty standard but some mind gamers are always testing the waters.

Rumor has it that Leafs' boss Brian Burke likes to throw some curves at prospective skaters.

Apparently, "How many watches do you own?" is one of Burkey's favorites.

I'm assuming that Rolex would be the wrong answer?

This year, young Brayden Schenn was asked to choose whether he'd take a pill that would make him a Stanley Cup champion MVP if it also shortened his life span. Evander Kane had to demonstrate his goal celebration. American collegiate forward Jordan Schroeder had to pick one dinner guest from Barack Obama, tennis queen Maria Sharapova and Sean Avery.

I'm guessing that Avery and Sharapova would be suspect answers?

What do they learn from all this?

The Detroit Red Wings Jim Nill said the questions are posed for a reason.

"You've watched them play hockey," Nill said. "We are dealing with 17- and 18-year-old kids and we're trying to gather as much information as we can. We've watched them, their skills on the ice, their skating, their stickhandling and their strengths. The final piece of the puzzle is trying to figure out who and what the player is. Is he a character guy? Is there some flaw? We're just trying to figure the kid out, and a lot of times that's the most important part.

"The kids we are interviewing are all pretty good players. They're here for a reason. You're trying to find that extra character quality. Is there a fire burning in him that's going to make the difference?"

Duchene, who has been around the world in the past few years, traveling with various Hockey Canada clubs, has been able to hone his interpersonal skills through travel and interviews.

But this is a stress-filled situation.

And Duchene confessed to having some "Combine Nerves" heading into the weekend. But he told TSN that its part of the process. He's a confident young man and said that he's been provided with all of the requisite tools. His Brampton Battalion coach Stan Butler, eminence grise of OHL coaches, is a Yoda, when it comes to preparing young men for the draft.

In a recent interview with TSN Duchene said that this is the culmination of the baby steps that he's been taking since he first donned skates at Dysart et al Arena.

"I love the game of hockey, it's been my life. I've done everything around that," Duchene told TSN recently. "I haven't put anything first in front of it from a young age. I think if they know that and that I'll do anything for them and the team, I'll leave a good impression."

But despite his increased notoriety, and his pick as the strongest skater and best all-round talent by the pool of scouts, Duchene still had some nerves about the combine process. The combine is the player's last chance to make an impression before the June 26 draft.

"When you think about the Combine, you think about going in and talking to people from the NHL who are basically judging every word you say. It can be intimidating," said Duchene. "I just want teams that are considering to draft me to know what kind of person I am, and just give them a better idea of what I can bring to the table."

Hard to imagine that the various pokers and prodders won't be impressed with young Matthew. He's the winner of the OHL's Scholastic Award, a leader off and on the ice. A genuinely nice guy.

This week he's had to contend with the Combine, but he's also been put on notice by Hockey Canada.

Duchene, Hodgson and Matt Clark, Battalion teammates, are among 41 players invited to the Canadian national junior team's summer development camp.

Centres Hodgson and Duchene and defenseman Clark are in a group of 18 Ontario Hockey League players set to participate in the camp Aug. 5-10 at Saskatoon. The roster numbers 24 forwards and 17 defensemen.

Hodgson is a Haliburton cottager, Matt's summer training partner, and one of nine returning players from the Canadian team that won a fifth consecutive gold medal at the World Junior Championship at Ottawa in January. Duchene attended the junior team's selection camp last December. He was the leading goal scorer on the Canadian team, captained by Hodgson, that won the World Under-18 Championship in Russia in April 2008, and was the captain of the Canadian under-18 entry that won the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in Slovakia last August.

Duchene, who had 31 goals and 48 assists for 79 points in 57 games, said he felt his chances to make the junior team were hampered by a shoulder injury suffered in a 5-4 road victory Nov. 21 over the Ottawa 67's.

"I was close last year but didn't really give myself the best chance," Duchene said via battalion.com.

"That's a team I definitely want to be a part of. The good thing about these camps is the coaches look for chemistry from the guys. It's important for the coaches to see what guys can do and what guys play well together so they can put a good together a good team."

And last but not least, both Hodgson and Duchene received some other great news last week.

Hodgson and Duchene are among eight people being inducted into the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Pearson Convention Centre. The austere group of candidates also includes left-winger Rick Nash of the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets.

Duchene will take some time to decompress at home between now and the draft, happening in just three weeks.

He's hoping – along with a great many of his Highland neighbors - the black flys will be gone by then ■

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Hodgson Nabs an Assist but the Moose Lose First Game against Hershey

But come back strongly to take game two

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Cody Hodgson is too busy right now to celebrate.

Hodgson, a Haliburton cottager, is playing on a second line with Michael Grabner and Mark Cullen for the Manitoba Moose, a team that's currently embroiled with the Hershey Bears in a battle for the Calder Cup, the American Hockey League's version of the Holy Grail.

The Moose and the Bears series is knotted at one. Hodgson had an assist in a 5-4 overtime loss last Friday. The Moose rebounded for a 3-1 victory on Tuesday night. The two teams resume for three games in Hershey, PA on Saturday. Hodgson has a goal and three assists in eight games with the Moose. The Antlered Beasts scored two goals in the final 47 seconds. Jason Jaffray scored all three goals for the home team. Attendance at an eyepopping 14,800 faithful Peeggers. (Jim Balsillie – please take note!).

Hodgson, who was playing with the Moose when he named as the junior hockey player of the year two weeks ago, got word last week in the Peg that he, along with Brampton Battalion teammate Matt Duchene, has been named to the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame last week.

And last Friday, he also got the news that he has been picked once again to the junior national team development camp which is slated for Saskatoon in August.

The Hall of Fame selection is just another in a long list of honors for the staunch, hard working captain of the Brampton Battalion.

Hodgson was Canada's leading scorer and helped the host team to gold at the World Junior Championship at Ottawa in January. He and Duchene were members of the gold medal Canadian team in the World Under-18 Championship in Russia in April, 2008.

"We have a constitution that we operate under," Dean McLeod, chairman of the Brampton Hall of Fame committee, said Tuesday via battalion.com. "Many years ago, a clause was put in that any athlete who lives in Brampton or plays for a Brampton-based team and wins a world championship in a major sport or goes to the Olympics, Pan American or Commonwealth Games and wins a medal is elected to the Hall of Fame."

Hodgson and Duchene are among eight persons being inducted into the Hall in a ceremony at the Pearson Convention Centre. The group includes left winger Rick Nash of the Columbus Blue Jackets of the National Hockey League.

Of course, Hodgson was also – again, along with Duchene - picked to attend a Hockey Canada junior national tryout camp.

Hodgson is one of nine returning players named from the Canadian team that won a fifth consecutive gold medal at the World Junior Championship at Ottawa in January.

Hodgson, a 19-year-old from Markham, Ont., led the 2009 junior tournament in scoring with five goals and 11 assists for 16 points and was named to the all-star team.

Bet on this.

Hodgson will attend the camp.

But he will be hoping fervently that he won't be playing for Team Canada this year.

He will tell you that he'd much rather find a firm spot on the roster of the Vancouver Canucks, the team that drafted him tenth overall last year.

Hodgson led the Battalion in scoring this year with 43 goals and 49 assists for 92 points in 53 games, and that's why he's now with the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League, who last week advanced to the Calder Cup final against the Hershey Bears.

Hodgson has four points thus far into his campaign, which started with a Western Conference tilt against the Houston Aeros. The Moose won that series 4-2 and Hodgson rapidly made the move up from the fourth line to the second line with Garbner and Cullen. The line has been on fire of late and Grabner has emerged as a goal scoring machine.

In the first game of the series held last Saturday in Winnipeg, before an SRO crowd at the MTS Centre, Hodgson assisted on Grabner's second goal of the game, a marker that put the Moose up 2-1. The Moose, who can be followed on Winnipeg's CJOB radio (cjob.com), went up 3-1 after two periods.

But the chocolate covered Bears came out in the third period and scored three unanswered goals.

The Moose managed to tie it at four, before eventually losing 5-4 in overtime.

The trip to the Peg has been a learning experience.

He's quickly earned the respect of the fans, but things are a bit different in the AHL.

On his first road trip to Houston Hodgson came dressed for the destination in shots and a golf shirt.

He wasn't told that the dress code for flights is a suit and tie.

His teammates took some photos, had a laugh, and Cody quickly ducked into the rest room.

He came out in more formal attire, a little sheepish, but no worse for wear.

Head coach Scott Arniel, was on his way to the airport and missed seeing the show in person, but the cellphone pictures gave him a secondhand looksee.

"The guys had a good laugh about it," said Hodgson. "It was a good learning experience."

For Arniel, who said initially that Hodgson would have to go out and prove that he could play, the move of Hodgson to the second from the fourth line was part of a natural progression.

"I told him at the very beginning that everything was dictated by his play," Arniel said of Hodgson, via moosehockey.com. "His ice time would improve as his play improved. He accepted that from the beginning. He thinks the game very well, is a well-rounded player. He's recognizing every time I throw a carrot at him, he wants to work hard."

Hodgson has accepted his role on the team

"It's just a little different mindset going in," Hodgson said of the change. "You know you're not going to take double shifts, kill penalties, take faceoffs. I try not to say too much. I'm here to learn and get the experience."

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Stanhope Tennis Club Offers to Expand Courts

In a refreshing change of pace, last week a community group approached the Algonquin Highlands Council with an unsolicited offer to fund raise, and the Council readily accepted that offer.

On behalf of the Stanhope Tennis Club, John Ashworth approached the Council last Thursday with an offer to raise $50,000. The money will complement funding that may be received from the federal and provincial governments' Stimulus Program and ensure that the multi-purpose court in the community is repaired and expanded to maximize the court's use, not only as a permanent skating rink, but to provide three top quality tennis courts as well.

Ashworth, an active tennis player and outdoor enthusiast, has had some experience in fund raising for tennis clubs, having been the president of a club in both Aurora and Newmarket. He said that he had written at least a dozen proposals, of which about eight had been successful.

"I'd like to augment your existing plans to develop a multi-purpose court and, if we raise enough money, we could even improve on your plan," he said. Ashworth also commented that a small downside to the Council's existing plan was that the best surface for hockey would be concrete, which was not ideal for tennis.

Ashworth said that he had been checking on the use of the courts and found the numbers to be impressive with everyone from children just learning to play to seniors in excess of 85 years old using the facility. He said that the members supported the Council's application for funding to redo the court as the asphalt is crumbling and is quickly becoming a dangerous surface.

"I'd like to see if I can raise the money to put in a third tennis court." He also said that even if Council's application wasn't successful, the funds raised would still allow resurfacing of the existing court.

Ashworth said, "The tennis group has never expected to have a free ride. This year we provided shingles for the shelters and we've donated wind screens and nets." They have also made a small annual financial contribution towards maintenance. "What we would like is Council's approval to proceed with another grant application for additional money (from a different source than Council's)."

In response to a question by Reeve Eleanor Harrison, Ashworth said he had taken measurements and that it would be possible to add a third tennis court in two or three ways. He offered to provide detailed drawings once the funds were in hand and they were ready to proceed. He said there would be potential advantages for both the Town and the tennis group as the additional court would be fully funded without any municipal contribution from reserves and they might even be able to help with the cost of new washrooms.

Ashworth said that a typical court costs approximately $30,000, but with the proposal to resurface the existing courts at the same time, he would need to raise about $50,000. He said, "Ideally we would want a higher end surface because of the number of seniors involved, but we would do

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Taoist Tai Chi Society Hosts Workshop in Wilberforce

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Last week the Peterborough Branch of the Taoist Tai Chi Society held a pot luck luncheon and special class at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. Over 40 members, coming from Minden, Haliburton, Peterborough, Lindsay, Ennismore and Fenelon Falls joined the Wilberforce members to work with Carol Francisco, a visiting Senior Instructor from Peterborough.

Francisco is a Continuing Instructor in Training (CIT) who has been practicing Taoist Tai Chi since the 1980's and is one of the most experienced people within the Peterborough Branch. The Wilberforce group receive instruction from Wilma Thomson of Haliburton, who is also a CIT and the co-president of the Branch and beginners receive instruction from Michele Smith of Highland Grove.

Smith said, "Becoming an instructor at any level is no shoe-in. The society wants to ensure that the person's interest in Taoist Tai Chi won't wax and wane and become stagnant. They seek instructors who are committed to learning more about these arts so they can pass what they learn on to others. Taoist Tai Chi is kind of like an onion, with the beginner class as the skin. There's always another layer underneath."

According to Smith one of the Society's primary requirements is that people teach out of a wish to help others and not for material gain. In that way the Society gets the best instructors possible.

Smith said that as a Beginner Instructor she gets to see all of the fresh new faces and teaches them the 108 moves of the set and the first couple of foundation exercises as well as how to use good form. Once a person has completed the set, they are invited to join the continuing class where Thomson takes over.

The peaceful synchronized movement of the members was sufficient enough to reduce the stress levels of this observer and many of the members spoke about the benefits they received from this form of exercise including improved circulation, balance and posture, increased strength and flexibility and reduced stress.

It is well known that the fast paced, but often sedentary life that many people experience sitting for hours in front of a computer results in stress and lack of sufficient physical activity. Many people have that found the movements of the Taoist Tai Chi internal art of taijiquan (pronounced 'tai chi chuan') to be an effective method of counteracting modern day pressures and cultivating good health.

According to their website Taoist Tai Chi is specifically designed to improve holistic health. The significant extent of turning and stretching in each of the movements, combined with the adaptability of form to suit individual needs, are just some of the factors that contribute to this art's focus on restoring, improving and maintaining health.

With regular practise, the art of Taoist Tai Chi can reach deep inside an individual's body to benefit the entire physiology including the tendons, joints, spine, connective tissue and internal organs. It is also known to restore calmness and peace of mind.

Although not a substitute for proper medical treatment, the taijiquan (known as a "soft style" martial art) offered through the society can help to improve the health and quality of life of people dealing with conditions such as poor circulation, high blood pressure, arthritis, back pain, joint immobility, respiratory problems, digestive disorders, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, fibromyalgia and many others.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada is a member of the International Taoist Tai Chi Society which is the largest non-profit Tai Chi organization in the world.

Beginners and continuing classes, as well as special health recovery classes are offered in Haliburton County and are held regularly in Minden (in the Hyland Crest Auditorium), Haliburton (at the United Church Hall on Pine Street) and in Wilberforce at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre.

The aims and objectives set out for the Society include making Taoist Tai Chi internal arts available to every community for all who wish to experience them, to assist in promoting and maintaining physical, mental and spiritual well-being, to promote cultural exchanges and greater respect and understanding among people and finally to help others through compassion. To that end all of the instructors are volunteers and every branch operates on a non-profit basis.

Classes and training at all branches are offered on a membership basis for young and old alike to enjoy, not only the classes, but all activities that are offered to the membership. Membership costs consist of an initial registration fee plus very reasonable annual dues which gives the members unlimited attendance at all regular classes across, not only the County, but the Country. Special rates are offered for senior citizens, pensioners, students and for anyone with special needs or experiencing financial hardship.

The Peterborough Branch (which has approximately 400 members, 114 of which are from Haliburton County) includes Peterborough, Campbellford, Cobourg and Port Hope, Ennismore, Haliburton, Minden, Norwood, Roseneath and Wilberforce. Another branch in Lindsay includes Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls and members can visit and take advantage of classes at any of these locations.

Smith said that the Wilberforce group has about 30 members although the number varies throughout the year. She said that continuing instruction is extremely important and 'intensives' are also used as opportunities for fundraising for the Branch.

"The money from this intensive, as well as the plant sale money, went to our workshop Bursary Fund, which gives financial aid to members who want to attend regular Workshops or Health Recovery workshops, but need a little help to get there," said Smith. She added that the Health Recovery classes and workshops are one of the more important aspects of the Society.

The Society always welcomes new members. Visit www.taoist.org for details about fees, class schedules and locations or call Brenda at 447-2148. ■

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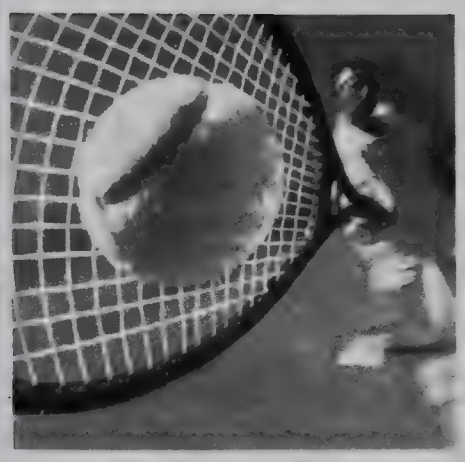
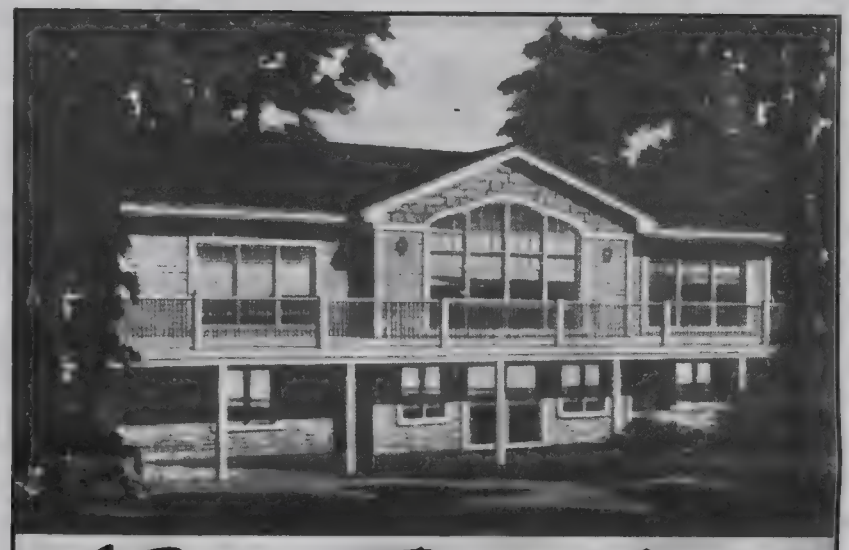


the best job and ensure a surface that is as maintenance free as possible with the money we have without impacting the Township's plans."

CAO Lorne Mitchell advised Council that he and the Treasurer had met with Ashworth. "We've looked at the surface and estimated costs and feel that this is an ideal opportunity to upgrade the courts," he said, supporting Ashworth's proposal.

After a few more questions and clarification from staff, Council passed a resolution to support Ashworth's request. They also agreed to provide a letter of support if required as part of Ashworth's funding proposal.

All that is left to do for now is to wait and see how successful both the Municipality and the Tennis Club are in their submissions for funding before knowing just how far the improvements will go. ■



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Every spring, the Chamber facilitates a Chamber Afterhours meet and greet BBQ Dinner.
The event will take place the 3rd week of June (mid-week), donations are requested for door prizes. Should you be interested in sponsoring this event, call Maria for details.
Time, date and location to be announced at a later date.

News Flash

Welcome new staff member Kendra Kellett, you are a great asset to the Chamber!

Announcement

New Chamber Website~the Chamber is excited to announce a launch of a brand new website!!!
We need our Members assistance: we are in the need of business photo's for the site if you have anything that you think might work, please contact Maria at 286-1760.

Committees

Volunteer Needed: Our Membership Committee needs fresh faces to meet once a month with current initiatives of the Newsletters. If you would like to get involved, please contact Maria as soon as possible at 286-1760.

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Two Red Hawk Throwers Qualify for OFSAA Meet

Zondervan and Freeman heading to Varsity Stadium for all-Ontarios

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Two days in Brockville and two Red Hawk athletes are moving on to the All Ontario track meet.

After two days of competition at the tough Eastern Regional Track and Field Meet, held at Brockville's Thousand Islands Secondary School, 22 Red Hawk athletes returned home, unbowed and happy with their separate performances.

Nick Freeman and Zane Zondervan both qualified for the OFSAA track meet being held in Toronto's Varsity Stadium this week (June 4, 5 and 6).

Freeman placed third in the junior men's shot put and Zondervan was fourth with a personal best throw in the junior men's discus.

Drew Paul, Kirsten Schollig, and Marcie Dick all ran personal best times on the first day of the event.

Tireless and unflappable, Christianna Walker placed eighth in the Senior 400 hurdles

The Hawks started with 52 athletes at the first Kawartha Meet. That was trimmed to 37 at COSSA. Last week in Brockville at Thousand Islands Secondary School, the Hawks fielded a team of 22 athletes.

Nick Freeman

Of course that's the way things are supposed to click out in the track and field game.

As the competition gets tougher, as the players move on, the numbers trim.

Last year the Red Hawks Drew Paul and Keaton Gadway both moved onto the OFSAAs.

Throws coach Walter Tose had a family wedding planned for last Saturday and had to bow out of the Eastern Ontario meet. That left the team in the capable hands of co-coaches Karen Gervais and Paul Morissette. Over 100 schools competed in the Eastern Regional event.

Tose said that both Zondervan and Freeman have worked hard all year on their consistency and strength and its paid big dividends.

"We thought they might move on and they did," said Tose. "They both had a great meet."

Tose credits both throwers' great tenacity and desire to excel as the reason for their success this season.

One night, two weeks ago, a poignant evening in the late afternoon sun on Red Hawk field. Zane Zondervan in the throwing circle and Walter Tose down the field, tape measure in hand.

It was well past five pm and all the other athletes had already left for home.

Zondervan remained. Tired but still throwing the discus, and in the waning minutes of the practice, the throws began to wander well right.

"Do you want to throw some more?" asked Tose, ready to pick up the tape.

"A few more," said Zondervan.

After the grueling workout, Tose took some time to offer some words.

He told him to forget about the bad throws, concentrate on the good things.

It was, as they say, a good practice. A learning time.

An awful lot goes on behind the scenes in the course of even this short, short track and field season.

Tose said that he will be taking both throwers down to Toronto on Friday.

Freeman throws shotput on Friday afternoon at 1:30. Zondervan will be throwing on Saturday at 2:30.

The newly refurbished Varsity Stadium plays host to the OFSAAs this weekend and next weekend it will play host to the Jamaican Jam, Usain Bolt, the world's fastest human.

So very nice to see the old Varsity making an exuberant comeback.

The remaining results from the Eastern Regional in Brockville are listed below.

Red Hawk Results for the Eastern Ontario Zone Track Meet:
Women 200 Meter Dash Midget: 14th Vicky Bukta
Women 800 Meter Run Midget:16th Brooke Saunders
Men 100 Meter Hurdles Midget: 15th Blake Aylsworth
Women 300 Meter Hurdles Midget: 13th Vicky Bukta
Women High Jump Midget: 14th Tessa Iles
Men Pole Vault Midget: 10th Mike Mazara
Women Discus Throw Midget: 12th Sam Tallman
Men Javelin Throw Midget 8th Brett Yake 13th Andrew Murray
Men 100 Meter Hurdles Junior: 16th Dwayne Hartshorn
Women 300 Meter Hurdles Junior: 13th Marcie Dick and 15th Kirsten Schollig
Men 100 Meter Hurdles Junior: 16th Dwayne Hartshorn
Women 300 Meter Hurdles Junior: 13th Marcie Dick (Personal Best) and 15th Kirsten Schollig
Men Pole Vault Junior: 7th Zane Zondervan and Brandon Yake No Height
Men Shot Put Junior: 3rd Nick Freeman (Qualifies OFSAA)
Men Discus Throw Junior 4th Zane Zondervan (Qualifies OFSAA) and 10th Nick Freeman
Men Javelin Throw Junior: 8th Nick Freeman
Women 100 Meter Dash Senior: 8th Cody Pringle - 13.09 Personal Best
Men 110 Meter Hurdles Senior: 11th Drew Paul Personal Best
Women 400 Meter Hurdles Senior: 8th Christianna Walker
Men 400 Meter Hurdles Senior: 9th Drew Paul
Men Discus Throw Senior: 9th Matt Rae
Women 4x400 Meter Relay Open: 12th Haliburton Highlands
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Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

MEALS ARE HARD TO STOMACH WHEN MOM IS IN THE KITCHEN

DEAR ABBY: My mother is a wonderful person but is one of the world's worst cooks. She'll see a recipe that looks tasty, but if she doesn't have all the ingredients, she will make substitutions. If the recipe calls for uncooked shrimp, she might replace it with canned tuna. If she doesn't have bleu cheese on hand, she will use imitation cheese spread instead. I have tried to offer her a few important guidelines. First and foremost, be sure to have all the necessary ingredients on hand before beginning to prepare a new recipe. Understand the basic techniques -- dice, shred, simmer, stir-fry. Use the recommended cooking temperatures. If the recipe says "saute," do not fry it until it's like shoe leather. Follow the proper cooking time. Fish should not be baked for 90 minutes! Mom may not appreciate the suggestion of cooking classes, and I know about your cookbooklets. I wonder if they are simple enough for Mom to follow. What do you think? -- DYSPEPSIA IN DENVER

DEAR DYSPEPSIA: My recipes are -- for the most part -- very simple, easy to read and, frankly, delicious. They were collected by two of the most voracious eaters in recent history -- my mother and me. Allow me to share a simple salad recipe with you. Perhaps you and your mother will enjoy making it together. It is chilled and ideal for a warm summer evening.

ABBY'S TOMATO SALAD

12 medium tomatoes, diced (about 8 cups)
2 large red onions, diced (about 3 cups)
1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon finely chopped sweet pickles
1 cup rice vinegar
10 to 12 lettuce leaves

In a large bowl, combine the first four ingredients. Cover and chill several hours or overnight. Using a slotted spoon, portion salad on individual lettuce leaves, allowing 3/4 to 1 cup per serving for a first-course salad.

Serves 10 to 12.My cookbooklet set contains more than 100 recipes that can be used when families get together to celebrate holidays and other special occasions. My mother often used them when she entertained and so have I. They are time-tested and not complicated. The booklets can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $12 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby -- Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. My cookbooklet set not only contains recipes, but also tips on entertaining. Have your mother try the tomato salad recipe. If she can't make this one work, then from now on she might be better off buying takeout.

For week of June 4th/09

Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for sensing the feelings of others. You might consider a career in some aspect of counseling.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try using that Aries charm to warm up the usual set of workplace naysayers, and then back it up with a solid block of facts and figures to sell your idea to your colleagues.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While nothing can deter a determined Bovine from following a course you believe in, it helps to have some supporting data and statements by trusted colleagues to make your case.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take advantage of new information that could help make your career transition easier. The weekend is a good time to re-establish relationships with people you haven't seen in a while.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters demand your attention as once-stable situations begin to shift. Quick action to shore things up is called for in order to avoid more problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although your financial picture begins to brighten, "thrift" and "caution" are still the watchwords for fiscally astute Leos and Leonas to live by. Expect news about a family matter.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before you try to blame a colleague for a workplace problem, make sure you have the proof to back you up. Make some quiet inquiries on your own to try to solicit more information.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Trying to cheer up a depressed friend or downcast family member can be difficult. But keep at it, and your efforts should soon pay off in ways you might have never expected.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Taking a new look at an old and frequently recurring problem might lead you to consider making some surprising changes in the way you had been handling it up till now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Despite what the naysayers might say, setting your sights on a new goal could be one of the smartest things the typically sagacious Sagittarian has done in a long time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Rebuilding an unraveling relationship won't be easy. But you can do it, if you really want to. Just remember to keep the lines of communication open between the two of you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new friendship could develop into a close relationship. Meanwhile, reassure an old friend who might be feeling neglected that he or she is still an important part of your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might be feeling that you're still in over your head as you continue trying to adjust to your new situation. But the pressures ease by week's end, giving you time to come up for air.

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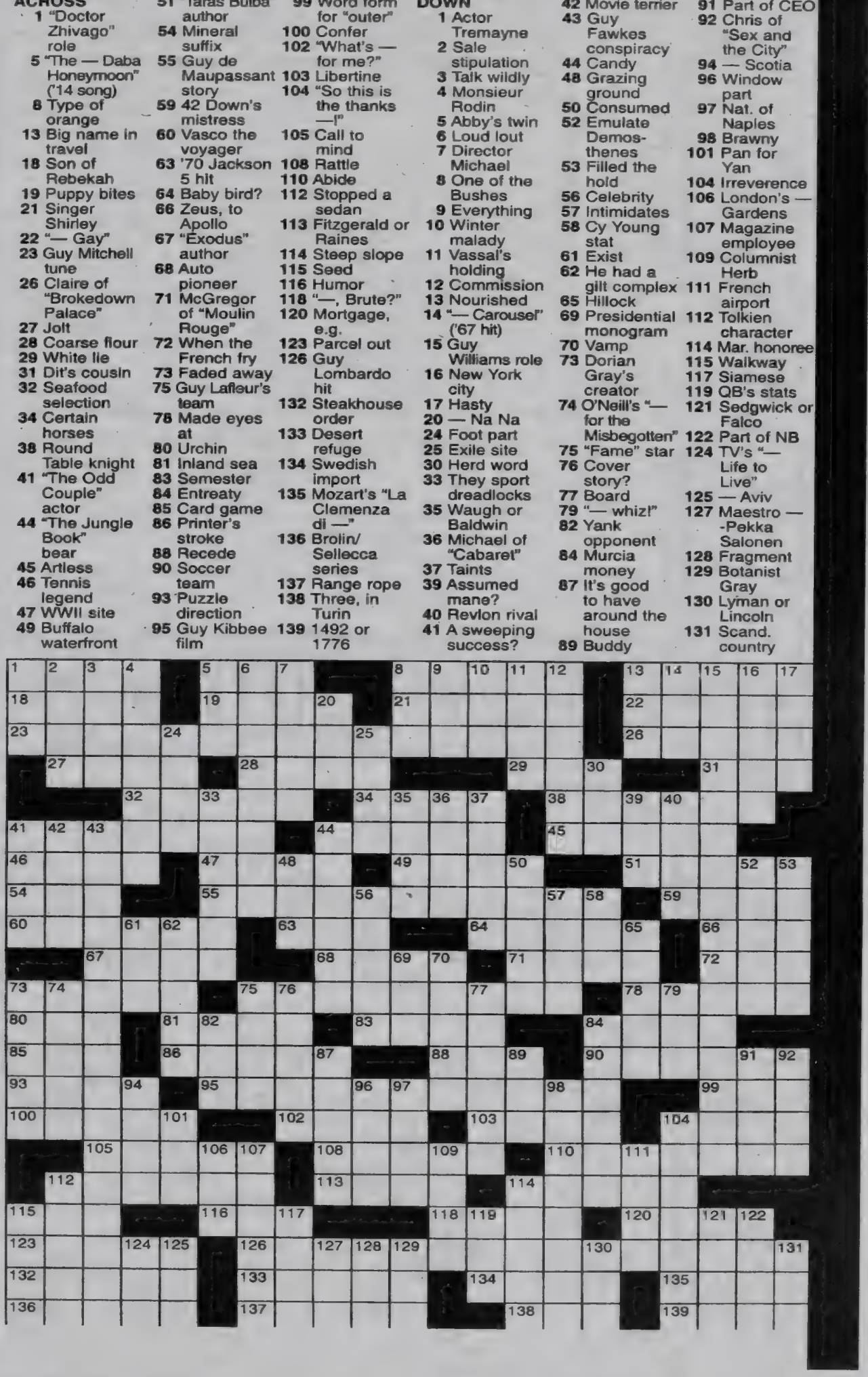

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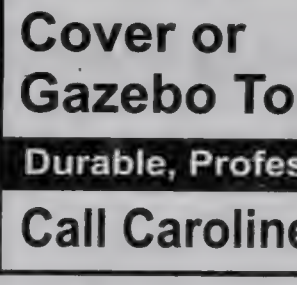
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In Memory of

In Memory of Sidney Crane

You can remember him and only that he is gone,
or you can cherish his memory and let him live on.
You can cry, and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
or you can do what he would want.
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Sidney Crane passed away June 7, 2008.
Sadly missed by wife and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Rare Photo Opportunity

5 GENERATIONS OF THE STEWART FAMILY

5 generations of the Stewart Family recently gathered for a photo.

From left to right;
Steve Stewart holding Shelden (third and fifth generations)
Barry Stewart holding Everton (second generation)
Luverne Stewart (first generation)
Jamie Stewart holding Hayden (fourth and fifth generations)

DEATH NOTICES

William O'Reilly

Peacefully at the residence on Friday evening, May 29, 2009 in his 78th year. Beloved husband of Barbara May O'Reilly (nee Anthony) for over 55 years. Loving father of Sandra (Ken) Farrell of Barrie, Bill of Tory Hill, Gordon (Perita) of Richmond Hill, Phil (Kelly) of Kushog Lake. Dear brother of Maryanne (Gord), Tibby, Annie (Gary), Bernadette (Henry) and Reta (Barry). Predeceased by his sisters Marilyn & Junie. Fondly remembered by his ten grandchildren and his five great grandchildren.

Victor Knap

Peacefully at his residence on Friday morning, May 29, 2009 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Isabel Knap. Dear brother of Werner Knapp of Meissen, Germany. Predeceased by his parents Andrzej & Katarzyna Knap of Chorzow, Poland. Lovingly remembered by his family, his extended family and his many friends

Norma Cook

It is with great sadness Norma's family announces her passing. A long time resident of Toronto, Norma divided her retirement years with her beloved husband Frank between her cottage on Gull Lake, Minden and New Symrna Beach, Florida. She enjoyed many years in Lindsay before returning to Toronto for her final years. Norma's upbeat and caring disposition touched all who knew her. She will be missed most by son Ron, daughter Carolyn, granddaughters Rhonda (Mark) & Robin (Matt), grandsons Adam (Laura) & Iain, great grandsons Cameron, Callum & Sebastian, siblings Ed (Marg), Jean, Doreen and sister-in-law Jean (Bern) as well as many nieces and nephews.

Roy Bates

(Veteran of WWII)
Passed away at his home in Donald on Wednesday, May 27, 2009. In his 86th year.

Roy was a Past President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton, Founding member and Past President of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and was a proud member and Past President of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

Beloved husband of Jean for 62 years. Dear father of Dennis and Deborah. Survived by his sister Elsie Earle and is predeceased by his brother Herb. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, and their families.

In keeping with Roy's wishes a Private Family Interment Service was held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, May 30, 2009.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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HELP WANTED – Maintenance position for Camp Timberlane. Please send resume to 1612 Dudley Road, Haliburton Ont. K0M 1S0, Attention Terry. (JuneA09)

Lost

LOST CAT – 3 year old mail cat, Chelsie took off April 28th, 2009. He is a big cat, he has a white base with grey/brown patches over each eye, and also on his back. Last seen in Minden on Bobcaygeon Road. Owners believe Chelsie was chased by dogs in their back field of their new home. Please phone 705-286-0191 if you have seen or found Chelsie. (JuneA09)

FEMALE CAT LOST IN THE CARNARVON AREA – On or around May 27th, 2009 female cat approx 2 years old, has scar from being fixed. She has white belly and legs; mottled black and brown back, head and tail, white spot in middle of back. Answers to 'Sophie'; she is very friendly. If found please contact 705-489-1008.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT – Grannies to Grannies June 7th, 2009 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m. being held at the Zion United Church. Tea, refreshments, entertainment, door/table prizes, and a loonie auction. For tickets call 705-286-6077 or 705-457-3919, admission $12.00. Join Haliburton Highlands Grannies in support of the Stephen Lewis foundation.(June A09)

ANNOUNCEMNT – If you see Jim Hunt on June 8th, 2009 wish him a Happy Birthday! (JuneA09)

Thank You

THANK YOU – I would like to say THANK YOU to all the Community Police Volunteers, members of their families, also to all of the ladies who made pies (DELICIOUS). Without your help it would have been impossible to do our annual Roast Beef Dinner. I would also like to thank the Linkert Bakery for the use of their ovens to cook our excellent roast beef. Pat Simiana – Treasurer of the Community Police Association. (JuneA09)

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Auction Proves that Beauty Is In the Eye of the Beholder

Diverse Mix of Pieces Bring In Almost $3,000 for Artists and Community Partners

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The materials that are found at dumpsites might possess little value to most people, but put these discarded items in the hands of local artists and what you'll get is astounding works of art that can't be measured by their monetary value alone.

But with The Art Hive's most recent exhibit, entitled "I Found it at the Dump", shoppers were quick to pull out their wallets and place their bids on a number of artistic pieces at a lively auction that was held at the Carnarvon art studio on Saturday, May 30.

Local spoken word artist Ryan Dawson kept the bids coming as he played the role of emcee for the evening, while the lovely blacksmith/jewelry artist Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle showed off each piece to the attentive crowd. Joshua Grant and The Spicy Peas also provided an entertaining, musical interlude.

The 40-plus entries, made out of at least one piece of reused material by local artists, brought in a whopping $2,955.00 through both the live and silent auctions.

A "Walking Crane" made from a wood decoy, recycled stained, recycled pipe and copper wire and feldspar rock from a rock cut on Hwy 507 fetched the most money with a bid of $750. Susan Mangaw of Cannington created the piece.

For this particular exhibit The Art Hive chose to partner up with Environment Haliburton (EH!). Of the total funds raised from the auction artists will receive 50 per cent, EH! will receive 25 per cent and The Art Hive will get the remaining 25 per cent. A portion of proceeds taken in by The Art Hive will go towards the funding of future programming.

This was the second year in which The Art Hive partnered up with an organization in the community. Last year, the non-for-profit organization teamed up with Cottage Dreams for the "Cash Cups for Cancer" exhibit, which raised over $1,000 for the local cancer recovery charity.

The mandate of The Art Hive is to support the arts, with a particular emphasis on youth initiatives and community involvement in the arts. Non-paid volunteers from the Maple Lake Artisans Collective run The Art Hive store and many events, such as the recent auction, are made possible with the help of other volunteers from the community.

The Art Hive would like to thank all those who helped make the I Found It at the Dump exhibit possible. ■

Joshua Grant (centre) and the Spicy Peas entertain shoppers during an interlude in the auction.

Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle shows off Albert Saxby's work of art made out of meat grinder and other salvaged junk.

MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

NOTICE

Naming of all Public/Private Roads and/or changing of Road Names in the Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 48 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O.2001,c.25, as amended, the Municipal Council at their regular meeting, will be considering a by-law to name/rename all public and private roads, as required, to accommodate the addition/revision of road names within the County of Haliburton.

For further information, please contact the municipal office:

Municipality of Highlands East
Council Meeting Date:
Tuesday, June 23, 2009
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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Open House on

DATE: **Tuesday June 30th, 2009**
TIME: **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
PLACE: **County of Haliburton Administration Building**
ADDRESS: **11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario**

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the Public Open House will be to consider an update to the Official Plan for the County of Haliburton pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended.

This Open House represents the commencement of the public process for the review to update the County Official Plan. The Open House will provide background information to community members on the County's Official Plan Review process. County Staff and members of the Consultant Team will be on hand to receive comments and answer questions.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: Written submissions are welcome. Residents and other interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 28th day of May, 2009.

For additional information please contact:
Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
Director of Planning
County of Haliburton
11 Newcastle Street
P. O. Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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Tom Gardner * 286-1234 ex. 224

CRYSTAL LAKE - $149,000

Renovated three bedroom cottage with deeded access to Crystal Lake. Features; drilled well, heated line, fully winterized, full basement, small barn for storage, dock space available. Great beach. Great for ATV or snowmobile. Large 2 acre lot.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ex. 223

KUSHOG LAKE - $449,000

Well built 3 bedroom 2 bath home, with detached double 24 x 24 garage, a heated 24 x 24 workshop, 24 x 16 carport and a 24 x 10 storage. 2400 sq ft of living space, floor to ceiling stone fireplace, large kitchen, immaculate throughout. Full basement with walk-out to lake. This home shows pride of ownership with many outstanding features, master bedroom is 14 x 12 with an en-suite, includes all window coverings, power awning, stove top wall oven, plus a sunroom with a fantastic western view of lake.

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234 ex. 225

BEECH RIVER - $299,000

Minutes away by boat to Boshkung Lake from this three bedroom back split on Beech River. Well treed level lot, beautiful stone fireplace. Wide part of river for great swimming.

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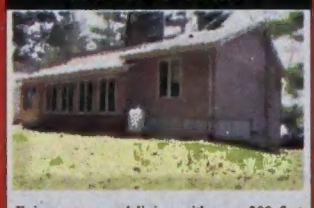
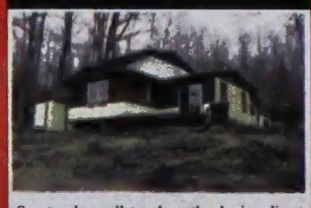
SOUTH LAKE - $279,900



Enjoy year round living with over 300 feet frontage on South Lake. Well built 'Quality' brand home with large sunken living room, open concept kitchen/dining area, walk-out to deck overlooking lake. Basement offers potential for additional bedrooms and or family room, and has walk-out to beach area. Just 10 minutes to town.

Al Mayo * 286-1234 ex. 233

GLAMOR LAKE $274,900



Spectacular well treed gently sloping direct waterfront lot with 100 ft frontage on beautiful clean shoreline with nice stone retaining wall - expansive 'sunset' western exposure - wade in or dive off dock! Spotless (same owner for 40 years), 1,300 sq. ft. 3 bedroom spacious cottage plus garage and sauna! 'Turn Key' set up as viewed, ready to enjoy! Nice setting - great opportunity!

Al Mayo * 286-1234 ex. 233

HALLS LAKE - $429,000

Beautiful 3+1 BR waterfront home/cottage on Halls Lake. Open concept living makes it great for entertaining. Huge master bedroom, main floor laundry, walk-out basement. Also has 2 BR bunkie for guests. One of the Vendors is a Registered Real Estate Salesperson

Tom Gardner * 286-1234 ex. 224

BASELINE LINE - $224,900

150 acre of prime land ideal for farming development small hunt camp included in property this is a one of a kind property.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ex. 223

SWINSON ROAD - $139,900

This three bedroom family home is situated on a very private 3 acre lot and yet is close to all amenities, and has Bell high speed internet available - not to mention being on the school bus route. Near many lakes and trails, a short ride to Kinmount or 10 minutes to Minden. Don't miss this bungalow opportunity!

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234 ex. 222

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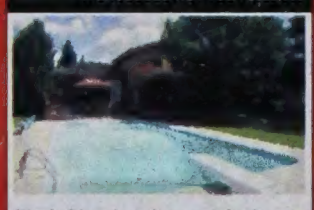
POOL WITH ENCLOSED HOT TUB - $329,900



Wonderful options...hmmm...swim in your own private heated inground 20 x 40 pool or take a short drive to one of hundreds of lakes in Haliburton Highlands for great water sports. Set on a large one acre lot, this custom built 5 bdrm., 4 bathroom home has an attached 2 car garage &/or workshop. Enclosed hot tub is built into the large cedar deck offering great entertainment opportunities. The kitchen has a real "WOW" factor, granite counter tops, built-in hidden refrigerator & dishwasher with beautiful maple cupboards. Plus more.

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

155' OF SAND ON BOSHKUNG LAKE - $324,900

Prime direct waterfront level lot on prestigious Boshkung Lake (3 lake chain).Majestic pines, over 155 feet of golden sand rippled shoreline with expansive 'sunset' shoreline. Charming vintage cottage nicely nestled amongst pines and close to waters edge. Neat & clean 3 bedroom, 1.5 washroom retreat features a stone fireplace & pine floors throughout. Beautiful lakeside decking, superb access, 6 yr. new septic and shoreline allowance owned. Show & sell !!

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

3 + 1 BEDROOM HOME - $149,900

Neat & clean upgraded Wilberforce village 3+1 bedroom, 1,310 sq. ft. brick home plus partially finished lower level on a nice level ravine lot. Circular driveway, partially fenced yard with large deck area around above ground pool, shed, bunkie, sunroom and screened in porch. Home features main floor family room, large spacious new washroom, fireplace, country kitchen plus lower level rec room and laundry area. Efficient wood, forced air furnace, new windows plus loads more. Show & sell!!

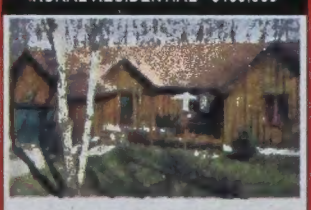
Lorri Roberts * 457-2414 ext. 43

OLD CAMERON RD. - $30,000

1.41 ACRE back lot on private road off Highway 35 and Sandy Bay Road - nicely treed building lot - old dug well on property - walking distance to Gull Lake.

Susan Johnson * 286-1234 ex. 226

RURAL RESIDENTIAL - $199,900



Excellent rural residential property on 5.76 acres. 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large eat-in kitchen with separate dining room area with walk-out to deck overlooking the vast hardwood forest. Main floor laundry room. All ceramic and wood flooring throughout. Attached 2 car garage. Many upgrades including newly renovated lower level with walkout. Close to public access on Contau Lake and all groomed snowmobile trails.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

STORMY LAKE - $335,000

Private 4 season, 3 bedroom, 1 bath Viceroy type cottage with excellent big lake view. Vaulted windows with cathedral ceilings and loaded with pine flooring. Open concept with centre island in kitchen/dining area and centralized fireplace in living room. Includes aluminum boat & motor, paddleboat, fridge, stove, dishwasher, washer & dryer and most of the furnishings.

Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

MCCUE LAKE VIEW - $138,900

Spacious 3 bedroom family home. Expansive sunset views across McCue Lake from your large sunroom. OFSC Rail Trails, the community playground and the lake just across the road. Refinished original hardwood flooring, colonial trim and new ceramic tile flooring on the main floor with complete new beautiful hardwood floors upstairs. Renovations completed include the roof, new windows and doors, soffit and facia, wiring, upgraded insulation, drywall, new main floor washroom, new 4 pc upstairs bathroom, upgraded oil tank and certification.

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414 ext. 22

MCCUE LAKE VIEW - $99,900

The perfect family 3 bedroom starter home. Expansive sunset view across McCue Lake from your sunroom. O.F.S.C. rail trails will take you for miles of entertainment. Community playground across the road. Well maintained landscaped lot with built-in outdoor fireplace. Heated insulated workshop. Bathroom renovated with ceramic floors and ceilings, new oil furnace, drilled well and pump. PLUS MUCH MORE!!

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414 ext. 22

LT. KENNISIS LAKE - $499,900

The moment you walk in the door, the charm and character of this fabulous cottage/home wrap around you like a warm blanket. From the wood interior to the two large stone fireplaces, everything about this property is telling you to relax. The large open areas, deck and patio are great for entertaining and there's plenty of room for guests to sleep. The southern views from the deck and shoreline are superb and the clean rocky shoreline is perfect for those avid swimmers. Enjoy life on one of Haliburton County's premier lakes.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414 ext. 43

COUNTRY LIVING - 299,000

Custom Built 3 bedroom, 2.5 washroom, 2,500 sq. ft. country retreat nestled in a mature treed 2 acre hardwood forest setting conveniently located just 5 minutes from Haliburton Village! Nice floor plan with spacious rooms include main floor laundry with walk through to double garage, family room with fireplace and walkout to deck, formal dining & living area, large master bedroom with ensuite & walk in closet, covered deck & screened porch area plus separated entrance to a year round studio/workshop area. Plus more.

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LITTLE REDSTONE - 1 ACRE LOT - $375,000

Check out this affordable 3 bedroom cottage having south-west exposure with 132 ft frtg. Fully winterized, drilled well, septic, year round road. Child safe sandy bottom for the little ones with deep water off dock for the adventurous ones.

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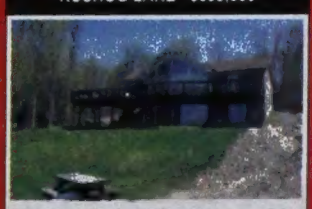
IRONDALE RIVER - $149,900

One of a kind home or cottage on the Irondale River. Large, private lot with lots of room for fun and games. Swim and canoe in the river or fish in your own private pond. The meticulously maintained home/cottage offers everything you need to enjoy life in the Highlands. Easy year round access. Just minutes from Gooderham and public boat access to Gooderham and Contau Lakes.

Anthony vanLieshout** 457-2414 ext. 27

KUSHOG LAKE - $599,000



Prestigious Kushog Lake direct waterfront one acre parcel with 151.51 ft. frontage - clean shoreline, western 'sunset' exposure and year round access with ample parking. Solid brick/stone 3+1 bedroom, 2 washroom home offers approximately 2,800 sq. ft. of luxury living space. Extensive 2 level decking and landscaping. Totally finished 2 level home features cathedral pine ceilings, floor to ceiling windows, pine interior doors, lower level with wet bar, built in hot tub, games room plus loads more!.

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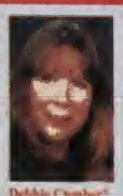
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